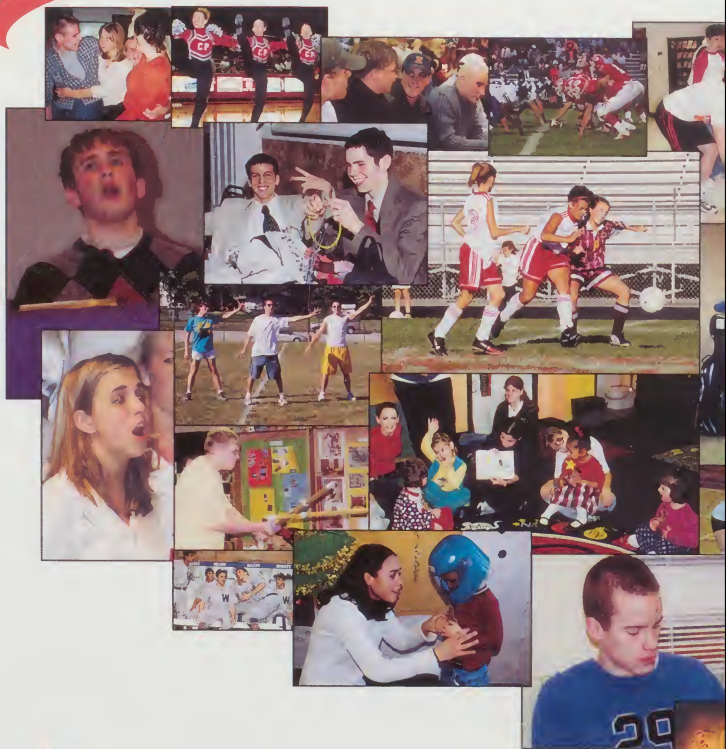




When duty calls...

Volunteer 2002

# When duty calls...



...Stand together-6

## (Student Life &

...Close ranks-6

**(People)**



...Join force-6

**(Clubs & Organizations)**

...Rally spirit-6

**(Sports)**

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Act 1983, 1990). The prevalence of mental health problems in the UK is estimated to be 10% (Mental Health Act 1983, 1990).

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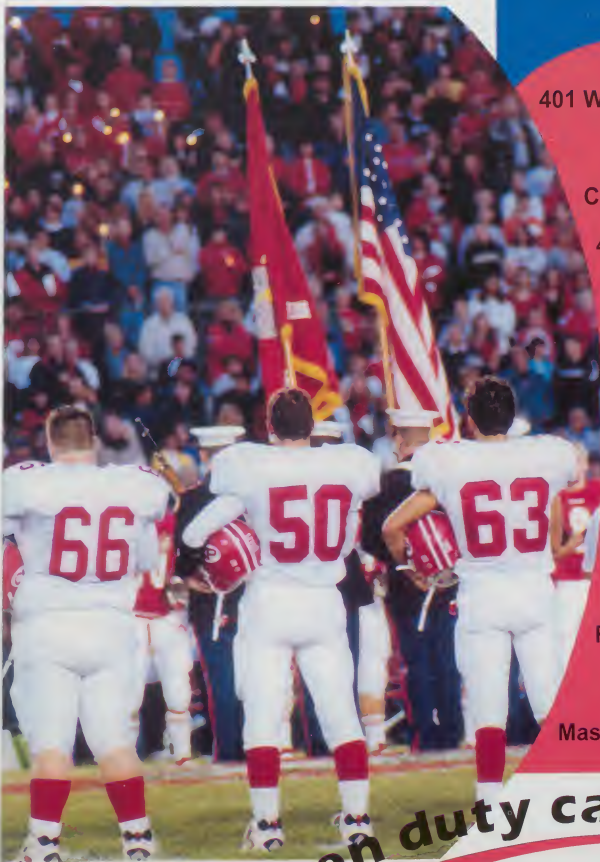
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The crowd lights candles during a flag presentation, and Timothy Gramenz (11) Corey Bush (10) and Joseph Moskovich (10) participate in the National Anthem. The game took place at Portage after the September 11th tragedy, and a tribute was given to those who lost their lives. photo by Diane Sprehe



## Crown Point High School

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46307

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Enrollment:

1768

Colors:

Red & White

Mascot: Bulldog

**When duty calls...**

*Excalibur 2002*

Opening



photo by Samantha Tobias



Holding his daughter, Mr. Chad Bush attends the Suburban Roots Halloween party at the Hall of Justice. "Suburban Roots people tended to be alternative and spooky anyway, so we gave ourselves the chance to dress up and celebrate," said Mr. Bush.

photo by Danielle Bravett



Kara Gora (12) waits for Carly Link (12) to make her move during a chess club practice. "I not only enjoyed its [chess] challenge, but it helped me when I worked with puzzles," said Gora.

photo by Lauren Angeli



In drawing class Alison Chepela (11) uses colored pencils to create a flower with petals of a monochromatic color scheme. Chepela used her drawing class as a way to break away from every day stresses.

In order to prepare for the play *Our Town*, Megan Mulholland (11) has her hair and makeup done by Mrs. Arizzi. "Even though I didn't have any lines, there was still a lot of effort that went into the play, and it was all worth it," said Mulholland. Photo by Jessica Koscielniak



# When duty calls...

Shopping for new outfits, spending their last few summer days fitting in all the activities that the short time offered, and returning to bed early for possibly the first night of the entire summer prepared students to meet their **call to duty**: returning to school.

Nearly 1750 students came together to take on the challenges of a new year. Two new assistant principals, Mr. Art Equihua and Mr. Ryan Pitcock, joined the administration, forcing the student body to adjust to their new policies and personalities. "Both Mr. Equihua and Mr. Pitcock seemed to care a lot about their students, and they didn't seem to be on high pedestals. They were really approachable," said Asma Khalid (12). With them they also brought stricter rules.

In effort to match the state's preferred 95% attendance rate, a new attendance policy enforced the practice that allowed only five unexcused absences before students received a waiver of expulsion. In previous years, the school allowed ten unexcused absences.

On the second day of school in preparation for the first home football game, a group of senior guys and girls **rallied spirit** when they dressed as super-fans wearing superman costumes, western outfits, and other out-of-the-ordinary clothing. They continued the trend for every home game up to the last one, when the team accepted the **call to duty** and won for the first time in two seasons. The guys defeated Michigan City with a final score of 28 to 6. Mike Momper (12) said, "We knew we had to win one. That was the bottom line. We knew we wanted it all year, and it was a well-deserved win." -Sarah Pasyk



# When duty calls...

About three weeks into the year, the student body witnessed the September 11th disaster. Students **closed ranks** around those in need. Some attended the candlelight and flag pole ceremonies, others participated in red, white, and blue clothing days or created 'hopeful' posters for the hallways, and still others raised money for the families of the victims. After the event, security tightened within the school requiring visitors to call in advance and wear name tags. Also, police personnel increased and video cameras filmed the front and back entrances. The shock of September 11th, brought about a new attitude in the student body. "Students became more concerned about world events," said Mrs. Paula Barancyk.

Only a few days after the twin towers tragedy, Mr. Andrew Nixon announced his resignation as principal. Mr. William Cope, a retired principal, teacher, and coach from Hobart filled the position on an interim basis. As one of his first duties, Mr. Cope formed a student leadership committee in which a select group of students **joined forces** occasionally to discuss concerns. "I thought that Mr. Cope showed real initiative, and he expressed an interest in the students' thoughts and opinions," said John Fister (10).

According to state statistics, the school already outperformed 345 other high schools in Indiana. Results from a survey by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce placed Crown Point third in its list of 'Best (educational) Buys' proving that **when duty called...** students, teachers, and administrators met the challenge. The factors which determined the ranking included SAT and ISTEP scores, expenditures per student, and graduation and attendance rates. - Sarah Pasyk





Brandon Boyer (12) cuts a piece of wood for the cabinet that he was working on in the wood shop. Making the wooden cabinet was his favorite project in the class, and when it was successfully completed, he gave it to his grandmother. photo by Tlatak



photo by Tlatak

During a home basketball game Tia Stedman (9) hugs teammate Christy Davis' mother. "I didn't get a chance to dance during the game because I was involved in a diving meet and I missed practice. Christy's mom comforted me," said Stedman.



photo by Ashley Madajczyk

Taping balloons to their designated junior spirit wall, Anna Egofske (11) and Katie Logreco (11) prepare for Homecoming. Students arrived at school as early as 6:15 AM to carry on the decorating tradition.



photo by Maritza Mata

In child development class Amanda Endris (11) works with Ellie on a Christmas project. They made Rudolph the reindeer ornaments out of candy canes. "I took child development because I liked working with kids and I thought it would teach me a lot when I had children of my own," said Endris.

# When duty calls...

## We Stand Together

At the end of the day, some students filled their free time by sitting in front of their computers typing away. They did not work on a report or an assignment. Instead, AOL Instant Messenger provided students with an opportunity to do what they liked best, get together with friends and chat. "After I was done with my homework, and right before I went to bed, I always went on the internet. Not only did it give me a chance to talk with my friends from school, but it also kept me in touch with my friends that had already graduated and were away at college," said Angela Spadoni (12).

Despite the shock of the September 11th tragedy, students **stood together**, supported one another, and altered their attitudes on life after coming to grips with reality. Angela Tsikouris (11) thought it made all the times students spent together more special. "I thought people had a different outlook on life [after September 11th]. They saw the 'big picture' and they realized how insignificant so many things were. I made sure that I was always on good terms with the people that I cared most about, and I tried to get along better with my family," she said.

For the second year in a row, Mrs. Deb Ciochina's Advanced Placement English classes put together a historical book about Crown Point known as the "Legacy Project". The students paired up and each pair wrote a chapter that featured some historical person, place, or event from Crown Point. Such topics included the Swishers, St. Mary School, and the fairgrounds. When the approximately one month project was completed, the two classes came together for an "Advanced Placement Nerd Party" at Christopher Arges' (11) house. "All the hard work of the students as well as Mrs. Ciochina's work on the Legacy Project needed to be rewarded. It was a lot of fun," said Arges. -Sarah

Pasyk



6 We stand together

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During an intense Christmas game of "Dirty Christmas," Heather Schultz (11) steals a GAP purse and lipgloss while laughing with Samantha Tobias (11). Schultz ended up with an American Eagle purse instead. photo by Sarah Paayk

2.

Drew Machowicz (9) began playing the violin, clarinet and bass clarinet in fifth grade. He said he was inspired by his mom to get into music. photo by R. Overbeek

3. Over the holidays, Joseph Huber (10) holds his little cousin. "My cousin Olivia came from Cincinnati with her parents for Thanksgiving. The visit gave me the first opportunity to get to know her," said Huber (10). photo submitted by Joe Huber

4.



4. Amanda Wilson (10) and Emily make reindeer out of candy canes during a Christmas party for the Child Development class. Children who visited the class came from the community. photo by Maritza Mora

5. Cheering for the girls' basketball team at a home game against Portage, seniors Kathleen Shaw, Kelly Rediger, Ashley Angelini and Nicole Chirillo show their school spirit in their home-made shirts. The girls were super fans. photo by R. Overbeek



▼ Attempting to drag their sinking boat out of the water, seniors Matt Pasyk and Adam Reed float in the water at Pineridge Lakes, a.k.a. The Fishing Hole. "I felt tubular as I was trying to pull the sinking boat out of the cold water," said Reed. photo submitted by Adam Reed



▼ As Steve Mandula (12) flies through the air, and all he can think about is landing perfectly. "I have been sandboarding for seven years. I usually went with Paul Zato. We had a lot of fun." Steve successfully landed his jump on Mt. Baldy's beach. photo submitted by Steve Mandula



**S**ummer  
sunshine  
brings new  
thrills,  
fun times  
freedom

In the summer time, it was a teenager's duty to have fun. No homework, no tests, and no waking up early allowed for more time to enjoy ourselves," said Corey Bush (10). Joe Huber (10) agreed and chose to spend his free time sleeping in. "It allowed me to have more fun during the nights," he explained. Travelling to new places, students spent time with friends and family on vacations. "I went to Colorado with my family and Danielle Dravet (11). It was so beautiful there; our condo was right in the mountains. It was a blast," said Angie Tsikouris (11). While some students spent many hours making extra money, others prepared for upcoming sports' seasons. Doug Smith (12) said, "I worked at Oak Knoll golf course. I worked about fifty hours a week." Dave Rendina (10) said, "Although I didn't enjoy waking up early in the morning for basketball conditioning, it really helped me improve my skills. We conditioned Monday through Thursday from 6-7:30 A.M." - **Carey Ciochina & Kristina Louttit**



▲ Outside Universal Studios in Orlando, twins Chase and Pierce Overbeeke (11) take a moment to rest and relax at Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville. The two also visited Sea World and lazed around in the sun for a week. photo by R. Overbeeke

► "Florida was so much fun. It was great to get away with my friends," said Ashleigh Goetz (11), who spent a week in Key Largo. Goetz participated in the Marine Biology trip held in Key Largo. photo submitted by Ashleigh Goetz



Wash  
and  
dry

In order to demonstrate that there are no racial or ethnic barriers to the national competition, the District Board of Education announced that it was "Open House" for all students to enter the competition, to be held on July 19-20, 1990.



## Around the world in 76 days

In the summer, not only did students spend time with friends and family, they also visited other countries and stayed with foreign families. Dan Ostrozovich (11), along with 14 other kids, went to Ebina, **Japan**, for two weeks. "It took us 14 hours to get

there by airplane," Ostrozovich said. Each student stayed with a host family and experienced the **Japanese** culture.

While some went to Japan, 14 others joined Mr. Jeremy Walker (Latin, Math) on a

trip to Italy for a 13 day tour. Kenny Easton (12) enjoyed the trip but especially the visit to Pompeii. He said, "The best part about the whole trip was when I had the opportunity to sing in an ancient Roman dome." The students visited seven different cities including **Rome, Naples, and Sorento**. While in Rome they visited the famous Coliseum, the Roman Forum and the Vatican.

photo submitted by D. Ostrozovich



photo submitted by Kenny Easton

# Spirit Week brings home school spirit, traditions, old friends

**W**hat to wear occupied the minds of students willing to partake in Spirit Week activities. Beginning with Pajama Day, Monday seemed like 'casual Friday.' People, half asleep and comfortable in their PJs, packed the halls. "Pajama Day was the best. It was the only day you didn't have to get dressed up for school," said Tanya Bertram (12). Students also dressed up for Animal Day, Western Day, Decade Day, and Spirit Day respectively.

As the week continued, students decorated the halls, built floats, and attended the pep rally with energy and renewed school spirit. The Superfans attracted

a greater number of participants in their antics than ever before. "I thought it was great being able to go crazy during the games," said Ryan Manley (12). -Kristin Frank & Maritza Mota



## countdown to Homecoming

Nicole Coros (11) joins the dance team to paint windows in town. **Sunday** Dressed in P.J.s, Elaine Sealy (11) waits to get her homework checked in advanced algebra class. **Monday**

photo by Kristin Frank

Carly Link (12) roars like a lion as she shows off her animal costume. **Tuesday** Displaying their Western attire, Karie Larsen (12) and Lisa Diedrich (12) study together in the library. **Wednesday**

photo by Jessica Kosciemias

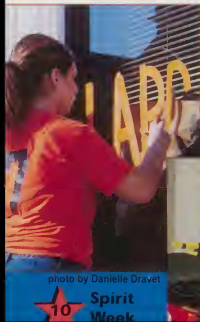


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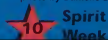


photo by Kristin Frank





◀ "The students did a good job showing their school spirit by dressing up or being superfans. I dressed up as often as I could," said Rick Oliver (12). photo by J. Koscielniak



◀ On Decade Day, Assistant Principal Ryan Pittcock dresses up as Austin Powers and John Abbate (10) dresses up like an '80s track star. "I definitely received attention, and that was my goal," said Abbate. photo by Jessica Koscielniak



▲ Seniors Kara Gora, Ashley Plumley, Colleen Genetos, Katelin Klepsch create the senior float. "The juniors' was okay, but we definitely should have won," said Gora. photo by Danielle Dravet

◀ During the parade, seniors Kelly Rediger, Ashley Angelini, Gregory Schatzman, and Steve Hamilton cheer. "Homecoming was crazy. I liked seeing how wild people got," said Rediger. photo by J. Koscielniak

As she sits in first hour, Kelly McMahon (12) shows her hippie spirit. **Thursday**  
To draw attention to the junior class spirit wall, Sarah Schueneman (11) sprinkles glitter on the balloons. **Friday**

photo by Ashley Matajczyk

Sandy Veljanoski (12), Ellen Sistovaris (12), and Lauren Hagberg (12) cheer wildly at the football game. **Friday**  
Among friends, Jenna Henderson (10) rides on the sophomore float. **Friday**

photo by Jessica Koscielniak



photo by R. Overbeck

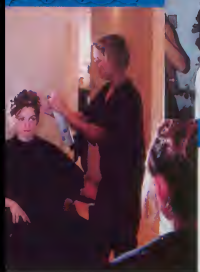


photo by Sarah Pasyk





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Preparing for the dance Elena Theodoros (9) has her hair done at Anthony's. **12:30**  
Before the dance, James Fastero (10) gets a little help at Carey Ciochina's (10). **5:30**

photo by Titak



photo by Titak

Arriving at the dance, Josh Anderson (11) talks with the limo driver. **6:30**  
Colleen Genetos (12) is one of the first to attain a disco ball. **7:00**

## countdown to Homecoming

As the day of the Homecoming dance unfolded, the temperature reached almost 70 degrees. The warm weather helped to create the mood for the theme, Deep Blue Destiny. "I

was one of four glitter girls who helped to create an under the sea scene," said Booster club member Kathy Shaw (12). Ashley Plumley (12) said, "I loved the theme because the ocean is my favorite thing."

Attendees expressed different viewpoints concerning the success of the evening. "That was my first dance. It was a great experience considering I was not allowed to date," said Milica Terzioski (11). Bob Davis (11) said, "I didn't have fun on homecoming because the songs were bad, and the DJ was bad. My date said she was sick and left." Justin Wilk (9) said, "I liked the way we got together with friends and just chilled." -Lauren Angel & Dale Packard

Blue, sunny  
skies brighter  
Evening of  
"Deep Blue  
Destiny"  
Dance



We stand together





photo by Titak

At the dance Jenn Gladdis (11) and Nicole Smoljan (11) do the "Shower." **7:30**  
Queen Shannon Morfin (12) and Kelly Fricke (12), Mr. Football, share a dance. **8:00**



photo by Titak



photo by Titak

Slapping hands while dancing, Ryan Allen (12) and Kenny Easton (12) show off. **10:30**  
Ashley Mays (9) walks out of the dance hall at the end of the dance. **11:00**



◀ Looking at the decor, Sarah Vickers said, "I wanted to wear something different and fell in love with the zebra dress, although it didn't match Matt's [Rubel, 12]." photo by Titak

▼ Out on the floor while dancing, Mallory Govert (9) and Phillip Hanslits (9) enjoy the evening together. "I've known Phillip for 8 years; he was my really good friend," said Govert. photo by Titak



◀ "It's Electric plays while friends Daryl Packard (10) and Melissa Myres plunge forward to complete the Electric Slide dance move (10). "The best part was being able to dance with my friends," said Packard. photo by Titak



◀ Janelle Willoughby (12) and alumni Bob Mulhern had "one of the best times" at the dance according to Willoughby. The mood of the night was disrupted when they went to Cafe Fondue and saw a bug on the floor. photo by Titak



Donald Grubbe (11) and Ashley Wilson (12) display one of the popular trends of headwear. **Bandanas**

Exhibiting a common style for guys, Ben Sonntag (11) eats dinner with the football team. **Hair**



In loving memory of his grandfather, Matt Beilfuss (12) wears a tattoo of a paw print. Students chose stylish places to put tattoos. For girls the trend included the small of the back or hip and boys chose between the shoulder blades or on the calf. **Tattoo**



Growing her fingernails since 7th grade, Heather Lueder (12) expresses her interest in nail art. **Nails**



In order to keep her feet warm and be stylish, Tracy Johnson (11) chooses trendy footwear. **Boots**



With painted nails and a fishnet sleeves, Kenny Sneade (11) presents a different look. Long sleeve fishnet clothing could be worn over or under other types of attire. Girls also wore fishnet tights with clunky-heeled boots or spike-heeled shoes with their skirts. photo by R. Overbeeke



## Individual & timely trends





▼ Displaying that style and comfort go together, Emily Rashin (12) wears a pair of tie-dye pajama pants. These baggy pants came in an array of prints and provided an inexpensive alternative to jeans or khakis on those need-to-be-comfy days. (with Kara Wotherspoon, (12) photo by B. Jillson



◀ With long, braided locks, Jenna Henderson (10) assumes her own style. "I showed up at school trying to look different every day. I was who I was, and I loved it," said Henderson (10), photo by Rosa Venegas

▲ Ashley Amodeo (11) makes a fashion statement by wearing her shirt with a long, green cardigan. Sweaters that reached the mid-thigh returned as part of the retro '70s style. (with Kelly Underwood, (11) photo by Kitty Damanskis

Vivid colors and a creative imagination led some students to become trendsetters on campus. With nearly 1750 students, people tried to find ways to make themselves stand out.

From punk to prep, students expressed themselves in many ways. John Abbate (10) said, "I didn't follow other people's trends, I just mixed stuff up and went with whatever I thought looked decent."

The hallways acted as runways for vintage clothing since students often found the most interesting articles in thrift shops.

"Going to resale shops became popular. The Village in Hammond was by far the cheapest and had the best selection of all the resale shops in Northwest Indiana," said Justin Stadt (11).

No matter the month or the trend, people dressed in what they wanted. Mark Cooper (11) said, "I tried to do what I liked and dress in what I liked, regardless of popularity or trends."

- Brittany Jillson and Rosa Venegas

Sense  
of style  
reveals  
personality  
traits,  
character



Riste Jakimoski (10)

Ambur Cooper (10)



Maritza Mota (10)

## Establishing routines

### Following sustained habits



Establishing routines? Some students admitted that they didn't know how or why they started doing things a certain way, it just seemed to happen. "I always brushed my teeth in the shower. I've been doing it ever since I can remember. It's just a habit I can't break," said Katie Unwin (10). Colleen Carroll (10) had an after school routine. "After school, I always ate two pinwheel cookies and drank a cup of coffee. If I don't do it, I feel empty. I just have to do it," she said.

Whether choosing the same lunch table each day, following a particular schedule each morning, or planning a specific time for homework, students found comfort in routine activities. "I'm always in the bathroom. I go in after all my morning classes and after lunch. It puts me in a relaxing state to stop thinking about classes and indulge in my looks," said Nicki Lee (11).

Other modes of relaxation came from scheduling a specific time to exercise. Riste Jakimoski's (10) ran a minimum of three miles each day. "I like to stay in shape. So each night I worked out by jogging," said Jakimoski.

-Maritza Mota

shaving

Edward Klingberg (11) looks into the mirror as he shaves early in the morning while getting ready for his early arrival to school. "I always shaved before I took my shower," said Klingberg. photo by

Maritza Mota





**E**ating lunch at the same table with the same friends, Mallory Govert (11) and Abby Link (9) take time to talk. "Everyday I looked forward to going to lunch. It was just a time to relax, have fun, and enjoy talking to the friends that I didn't see much during the day," said Govert. photo by Maritza Mota



**chillin'**

**I**n Mrs. Sharon Alderidge's 3rd hour beginning foods class, Rebecca Zaucha (12) volunteers to answer a question. She said, "Everyday I wake up to the *Counting Crows* CD and just lay in bed and sing along until I feel like I am ready to get up." photo by Tilak

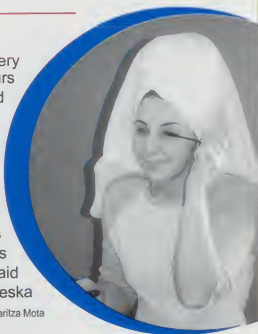


**I** try to start my day at 5:30 a.m. My only problem is that it's way too early, and I'm definitely not a morning person. I need to hit my snooze button at least four times each morning before I can crawl out of bed," said Elizabeth Frost (11). photo by Maritza Mota

Mota

**I** wake up every morning two hours before school and take a shower.

Then while I wait for my hair to towel dry, I apply my make-up. Sometimes people think it's weird, but it's familiar to me," said Daniela Dukleska (12). photo by Maritza Mota



**W**hile standing by the wall outside the cafeteria Kaitlyn May and her friend Sara Reusze (9) talk before the start of the school day. "We always stand there in the morning (the same exact spot), and later other friends come and join us," said May. photo by Maritza Mota





Lauren Spirovic (11), Erin Quinn,  
Alice Wildes (11), Julie Bauer (11)

Claudia Rhye (10)



Laura Retson (10)

## Finding time to relax

### Escaping from pressures

A

school day consisting of 420 minutes seemed immeasurably long with the on going stress that tests, projects and homework brought about. Core classes and electives caused continuous pressure, while relationships, family obligations, and extracurricular activities contributed just as much. "Whenever I became too stressed out with my friends or school, I tried talking to a person who I could trust. It usually made me feel better and I realized that my problems weren't really that bad," said Sara Dykhuis (11).

Student discovered various avenues that helped to relieve stress. Whether it was going to the gym to work out, writing in a journal, playing a sport, watching television, or even listening to music, students needed an outlet. Claudia Rhye (10) said, "Before I took Creative Writing, I really couldn't do anything when I was under a lot of stress, but now I am an avid writer, especially when I am under lots of pressure." Mark Fleming (12) said, "I either watch T.V. or go to sleep to relieve stress." -Jessica Koscielniak

**perform** Brenton Harris (10) performs an original piece he wrote at the Suburban Roots meeting held at the Hall of Justice. Creating music, poetry, and other forms of art often helped relieve stress.

Students who belonged to the Suburban Roots group used the club as a creative outlet. photo by Joe Huber

Huber



While doing homework in his study hall Charles Presley (10) said, "I tried very hard to relax and put my mind at ease. I thought of fun things to do to take my mind away from pressure. Overall I tried to put myself in non-stressful situations." Presley moved to LaPorte, Indiana after first semester." photo by Jessica Koscielniak



Rachel Smith(12) and Brent Brown (12) sit to have lunch outside the SMART Museum while on their

Literary Movements field trip to the University of Chicago. "I tried to spend time with friends that cared about me and wanted the best for me," said Smith. photo by Asma Khalid

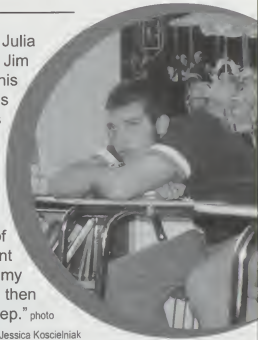


Going for a layup at the practice for Pups basketball, Adam Hilliard(10) makes the shot. He said, "It (Pups basketball) let me go out with my friends and play a sport that I liked to do. We only had one practice and one game per week so it wasn't too overwhelming." photo by Jessica

Koscielniak

Sitting in Ms. Julia Chary's room, Jim Smith (12) rests his head on his arms while he watches the television screen. "When I was really under a lot of pressure and stress because of school, I went home, did my homework and then found time to sleep." photo

by Jessica Koscielniak



"I cope with peer pressure by writing in my notebook," said Lauren Tokar (11) with friend Courtney Carstens (11). Most people found that when they felt under pressure writing in personal journals or notebooks helped relieve the pressure.

photo by Rosa Vega



Jana Siskema, 11



Kelly McManis, 12



7th hour Transportation class

## Making preparations

### Learning needed skills for life

**T**hroughout high school, everyone learned skills and information that they would probably never use again; however, some hands-on type of classes provided students with necessary life skills.

"After I worked at a day care, I knew that working as an elementary teacher was what I wanted to do with my life," said Sandy Veljanoski (12), who was a member in the H.E.R.O. program. H.E.R.O. class met during fourth hour to discuss situations involved in the work place and then the participants left school to go to an actual job site.

Also part of the Family and Consumer Science department, Culinary Foods I, Child Development, Fashion Technology, and Lodging Management courses helped students prepare for life.

In the P.E. and health area, students learned how to save lives and maintain personal fitness. "The techniques taught in lifesaving and health could save lives by teaching students rescue skills," said Mr. Doug Norris (P.E.). -Ryan Wilson

**Saving** With the guidance of Mrs. Angie Smith (P.E./health), Mike Schultz (10) learns how to save a life using CPR. Sophomore health was a graduation and Core 40 requirement. The class taught general health facts and basic life saving skills. photo by Ryan Wilson





With determination, Jacob Babich (12) pushes up his weight during his Basic Strength Training class (BST). Numerous athletes took the course each semester to help stay in shape for their sports' seasons. However, other students participated as well hoping to create a healthy habit towards fitness. photo by Titak



Elizabeth Johnson (12) spends her fourth hour as an assistant to the guidance office where she collects attendance sheets. Nineteen students served as student aids to the guidance office and learned clerical skills and a sense of responsibility. photo by Ryan Wilson



This class helped us work together as a team, and individually. I think it helped me by preparing me for my future goals: to be an executive chef on a cruise line. What I liked best was being creative with the dishes we prepared," said Lauren Tokar (11) photo by Titak

Titak

I took Child Development because I wanted to play with the little kids. I thought it would be a fun and interesting class. The kids always had fun ideas. They had lots of stories to tell, and it was just fun being around them," said Lindsey Morfin (10) photo by Maritza Mota

Maritza Mota



Sewing class and Ms. Turman helped me to not only make clothes, but also made me realize what I wanted to do. I will always remember that class. Fashion Tech. really helped me realize what I wanted to do in the future," said Rachelle Drok (12) photo by Titak

by Titak



photo by Ryan Wilson

Ashley Wilson (12) removes a freshly made pizza from the oven at her job at the Italian Outpost. **Friday 4 pm**

Outside the fence, Amy Zondor (11) and Kristen Sautter (11) take a relief from school and watch the game. **Friday Night**



photo by Sarah Pasyk



photo by Dan Ostrozyvich

While some people sleep until noon on their weekends, Pam Versnel woke up early to scan groceries and wait for her shift to end. "I didn't like working on the weekends, but I did like the cash flow that came in at the end of the week." -Pam Versnel (10) **Saturday**



photo by Dan Ostrozyvich

Apple crisp and a viewing of *Monsters, Inc.* complete a date for Emilee Bilka (10) and Andy Balicki (11). **Saturday Night**

Attending mass, Joe Andras (12) said, "I feel I need to go to church. I've gone since I was young." **Sunday**



photo by Tiaak

## Weekends full of work & free time



Strutting down the aisle made for the king and queen of Mardi Gras, Bobby Rutherfordford (11) pretends to be crowned king. The French club sponsored the Friday night, after-game dance where Adam Vetter (11) truly won the crown. photo by Sarah Pasyk

King of the dance





▼ Varsity linebacker Kelly Fricke (12) plays Madden on a playstation at Jason Roberts' (alumni) house. Fricke went to Roberts' house religiously each weekend to play video games, cards, and just hang out. photo by Kristina Louitt



▲ To add to the fun of football games, the parking lot was filled with grills, food, and people tailgating. "I tailgated because I didn't want to pay to get into the games," said Danny Mellis(11). photo by S.Pasyk

▲ With a fork in hand, Matt Donlin (11) grills chicken during a home football game. "Tailgating was hard to set up for, but it was well worth it because we always outdid the seniors," said Donlin. photo by Sarah Pasyk

At 2:25 pm Friday, a feeling of anticipation filled the students in their 7th hour classes as the end-of-the-day announcements began. Marking the beginning of the long awaited weekend, the last bell meant freedom, at least for a little while. Ashley Amodeo (11) said, "On Fridays I liked to go places with my friends and talk." Danielle Dravette (11) said, "I liked to drive around with friends and listen to music on weekends."

With enthusiasm another student embraced sleeping in as their pastime. Teens caught up on a week's worth of lost sleep and late nights completing homework.

Chase Overbeeke (11) said, "On Saturdays I didn't see the light of day until about 1 pm. It was the day I caught up on all the sleep I had lost during the week."

As Sunday night rolled around however, the feeling of freedom left as homework due on Monday reminded students of the school week ahead. - Dan Ostrozovich & Tom Spear

Weekends  
both revive,  
uplift  
students  
after hard  
week

Melissa Baumgardner (12) carefully applies makeup to Andrew Schrum (10) **5:30**

Josh Sauerman (10) and Aaron Akey (10) focus on the performers. **6:45**

Working behind the scenes, Joe Huber (11), communicates with the crew members. **7:20**

Singing "Good-bye Old Girl," Andrew Wirtz (12) serenades Ashleigh Robbins (12). **Act 1**

# countdown to Finale

**P**reparation for the musical took months .

"Practices would run for two hours a day the first weeks and then one week before the show we practiced for six hours a day," said Jessica Cunningham (10).

As the curtain opened, Andy Wirtz pretended to watch the game "in disbelief" between the Senators and Yankees. Suddenly, Ashleigh Robbins (12) broke into song, and set the musical's "uplifting" mood. "Every night the shows got better, but the problems that we faced were tough," said Daniel Easton (9). One problem occurred when Kenny Easton (12) tried to enter a house on stage and the door wouldn't open. "It was so funny. I felt bad for Kenny, but I was dying of laughter," said Kara Wotherspoon (12).

-Lauren Angel

Teamwork  
takes  
'Damn  
Yankees'  
out of  
ball park





photo by R. Overbeeke



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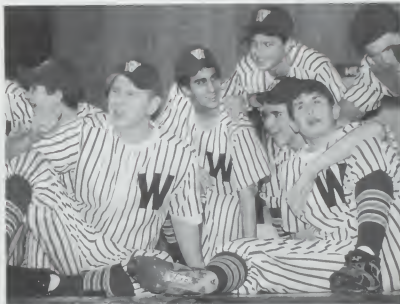
photo by R. Overbeeke

After transforming into "Hardy" John Fister (10) finishes singing "Good-bye Old Girl." **Act I**

In the locker room, Eric Davis (12) and Joe Garisher (12) prepare to sing. **Act I**

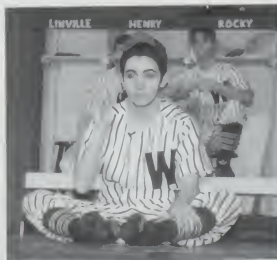
Attempting to seduce Hardy, played by John Fister (10) Abby Mummery (12) dances. **Act I**

Katelynn Linecourt (11), Kelly Bielak (12), and Carey Clochina (10) lineup for a ticket. **Act II**



◀ As Chase Overbeeke (11) and David Parrish (11) sing "The Game," the Senators' regroup. "After we worked together we became unified as a team," said Parrish. photo by R. Overbeeke

▼ Singing "Six Months Out of Every Year" with Mike Ferraro (11), Kim Stegall (11) complains about the lack of attention during baseball season. It was Stegall's second musical. photo by R. Overbeeke



◀ "Those Were the Good Ole Days" sings Kenny Easton (12) in his solo number on stage as the devil. "I loved being in front of people and the musical was a great way to do that," said Easton. photo by R. Overbeeke



◀ As he demonstrates the curves of a woman, Joseph Anello (11) rehearses on stage. "I had fun at practice. Since I am small, Kenny Easton (12) and Andy Wirtz (12) would play catch with me," said Anello. photo by Maritza Mota

Romance  
creates  
fantasy for  
some,  
nightmare for  
others

Students dreamed of that perfect date, some had the perfect date, and some simply ward off the worst date.

The traditional hero often provided much enjoyment in the dreams of romantic relations. "I always dreamed of a knight on his white horse whisking me away from whatever terror to his castle," said Melinda Zacher (10). Sean O'Drobinak (11) preferred a more realistic encounter. "I dreamed of meeting the perfect girl on my jet-ski at the beach," he said. And yet for others, the focus was not on finding the perfect match, but in avoiding the worst. "I hated dates who were two-faced," said Lindsey Kurth (9). Whatever the approach, romance played a role in the lives of students. -Claudia Rhye & Ashley Madajczyk



## countdown from First Dates

Ashley Amodeo (11) shares an intimate moment with Daniel Pace (11). **Oct '01**  
Holding hands, Mary Anderson (10) stands with David Alt (12) at a football game. **Sept. '01**

photo by Sarah Pasyk

Arms around one another, Andreas Pergher (11) holds Emily Corbin (11). **Mar. '01**  
"Tiffany is everything that I could ask for," said Michael Barringer, 12. (with Tiffany Rowan, 12) **Oct. '00**

photo by Rosa Venegas



photo submitted by Andreas Pergher





Karrisa Key(12) holds hands with a knight at Medieval Times. "Ray isn't actually my boyfriend, but he could possibly be my knight in shining armor," said Key. photo by R. Overbeke



Arm in Arm, Ryan Allen (12) and Courtney Bright (12) make their way through the cafeteria between classes. "We were both planning to go to Purdue Calumet so the only time that we would be apart would be during classes," said Allen. photo by Ashley Madajczyk



After Homecoming, Samantha Tobias (11) and Jeff Powers (alumni) share a special moment. "Being away from my boyfriend makes time together more special," said Tobias. photo submitted by Sam Tobias

"Long distance bonds can be hard, but if you're with the right person, it makes sense to stay together," said Ryan Wilson (12). Christina Lutgen attended college in Indianapolis. photo by A. Wilson

Before heading to their next class, Lauren Angel (11) and Eric Shultz (12) bid a quick good-bye. Oct. '99 "It just feels right together," said Ryan Zervos (12) with Sarah Pasyk (11). Jun. '99

photo by Ashley Madajczyk

Melissa Casteel (11) and Franky Wilson (10) shared blocks and hugs since 4th grade. Feb. '94 Teachers Tom and Nancy May dance at their son's wedding. Sept. '65

photo submitted by Mrs. Nancy May



photo submitted by Lauren Angel



photo by Ashley Madajczyk



**"W** hat if he says no. I'd be so embarrassed."

This thought passed through the minds of girls forced to ask a guy to the traditional Turnabout dance, "It was really nerve racking asking my date to the dance because we really didn't know each other, but after I called him I was really happy that I did," said Casey Rhodes (9) who went with John Abbate.

Gusty winds, problems with the power to the stereo equipment and a small fire made for a memorable evening. "First, the sound disappeared three or four times and then the speaker caught on fire. I was standing right next to it,"

said Josh Rattray (12). "After the power went out, it seemed like nothing

else could go wrong, but when the speaker started burning, my friends and I gave up and just left," said Dale Packard (12).

-Lauren Angel

Snowflake  
fantasies  
literally turn  
up heat during  
turnabout  
tradition

## countdown to Turnabout

At the Clinique counter at L.S. Ayres, Sandy applies Sheena Sum's (11) makeup. **1:30**  
On their way to pick up friends, Sean Highsmith (10) and Jessica Koscielniak (11) stop for photos. **5:45**

Photo by Lauren Angel

Preparing to leave for the dance Lauren Hagberg (12) carefully pins a flower on her boyfriend B.J. Hagerbome's lapel (12). **6:00**  
As he talked to his friends about their post-turnabout plans, Kevin Vlink stops to take a drink. **7:30**

photo by Lauren Angel



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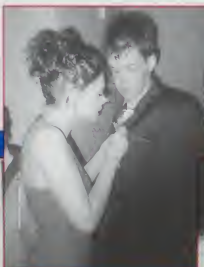


photo by Lauren Angel







◀ Gabby Johnson (9) and her date enjoy a dance and laugh about how unphotogenic they think they are. "The dance was fun because the music was so good," said Johnson. photo by Titak



▶ Wearing neon lights around her arms, Jessica Hitchcock (12) and Mike LaMere enjoy a slow dance (12). Hitchcock said, "I thought the theme, decorations, and D.J. were great. Since I am a cheerleader, I helped set up everything." photo by Titak



▲ While she grabs a Code Red Mountain Dew from the bar, Lauren Mishevich (9) takes a break. She said, "The bridge full of lights was like a fairy-tale to me. I had the night of my life." photo by Lauren Angel

◀ As she sways to the music Elisabeth Hoerning (11) thinks about how "easy it was asking Tony to Turnabout. I had fun at that dance because I had a date and on Homecoming I just went with friends." photo by Titak



Enjoying a slow song, Mike Reno (10) and Marisa Fernandez (10) laugh as they anticipate eating out at Uno's. **7:45** Crowding the stage, student's hope to catch party favors thrown out by the D.J. **8:00**

photo by Titak



Dancing to the song YMCA. Lacy Holevis (11) and Danny Pace (11) do the traditional movements. **9:00** Jonathon Hagerbome (10) approached Kelly McMahon (12) for a slow dance. **9:45**

photo by Lauren Angel



photo by Titak

photo by Lauren Angel





Christine Hoderowicz (12)



Jory Enright (12) & Dave Davison (12)



Kippy Burditt (12)

## Tallying up credits

# Preparing for graduation



English, math, science, social studies ...those necessary core subjects required for graduation presented the most challenging work. "For me, math classes were the most difficult because I couldn't stay awake, but I had to take them since I was college bound," said Pierce Overbeeke (11). Students needed four years of English, two years of math, two years of science and three years of social studies to graduate and more core courses for the Core 40 diploma required by most colleges.

Preparing for those classes on a daily basis created stress, but paid off in the end. "Studying could be strenuous and boring, but it was a good feeling to have knowledge," said Chris Kutanovski (11). While some students procrastinated until the night of a big test, others planned ahead. "I usually liked to start studying two nights before a test and then study even more the night right before," said Stefanie Jovanoski (11). **-Rosa Venegas**

**studying**

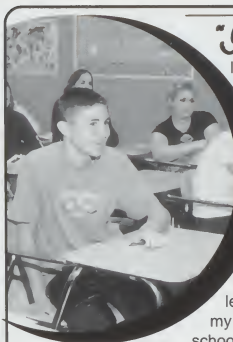
Sitting in Mr. Bernard Kowalski's study hall, Lindsay Gora (11) concentrates on rewriting her history notes. Gora also used her study hall time to prepare for other difficult classes including American Literature and Composition and Honors Pre-Calculus. photo by Titak



Volunteering to sing in 2nd hour, Ashley Wilson (12) and Carly Link (12) share their rendition of Madonna's "Material Girl". Students in Mrs. Overbeeke's World Literature class rewrote the song making Madonna an "idea" girl. The students were studying Plato's philosophy concerning the world of ideas. photo by R.Overbeeke

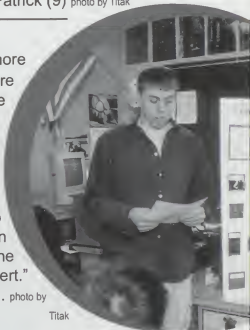


**burning** While in Chemistry class, Nick Bodinet (10) and Adam Hilliard (10) learn how to make a liquid from burning magnesium. The next part of the experiment included testing the liquid with a strip of litmus paper to determine whether it was an acid or a base. photo by Titak



Patrick (9) photo by Titak

**C**ory Detamore (10) and I were explaining how the Sahara Desert worked to the class (Mrs. Kelly Nelson's biology). It was very interesting to learn about. I then knew about the Sahara Desert." -Doug Ricard (10). photo by Titak



Titak



**T**he reason I took (Mrs. Denise Buck's) Honors English class was because I always tried to work my hardest and I didn't know if I would be satisfied in a regular English class." -Carolyn Simko (10) photo by Titak



Rich Miller (12), Rob Bruno (12),  
and Emily Greene (12)



Kelly Bleick and Jennifer  
Guard (12)



Becky Zasche (12), Pat Baldinger  
(12), Niko Nymanis (12)

## Experiencing learning

### Taking on unique tasks

Worksheets became a thing of the past. Research papers? Did they even exist? From building earthquake-safe structures in Earth and Space Science to experiencing an authentic Victorian Tea in English Literature, teachers began leaving behind more conventional assignments in favor of introducing those assignments which stimulated learning, and made it an enjoyable task.

Rachel Dance (10), who took Creative Writing class, said, "We made a 'box' about ourselves. What you put in the box was your decision. It could have been anything that expressed your individuality."

Other classes that had already begun building a foundation for a new and fun process of learning included Physics, Speech, and Child Development. In Physics students built catapults and cardboard chairs in order to study physical laws. "Not everything can be taught by worksheets and notes. What makes a project unique is the ability to learn something and have fun at the same time," said Kaitlin

May (9). -Maritza Mota

**role play** After a power point presentation that included the customs, ceremony, and reception of a Polish wedding Laura Fredericks and Dustin Quering (12) eat bread and salt for 'good luck'. The project was part of the English 12's world literature unit in Mrs. Cynthia Dewes' class. photo by R. Overbeek





Seniors Kelly Cowan, Kara Gora, and Ryan Voyles demonstrate a yoga technique for Mrs. Deborah Ciochina's speech class. "The class always liked it when I did yoga because it got them off their seats and up on their feet," said Cowan. Students in the class were required to perform a demonstration speech. photo by Titak

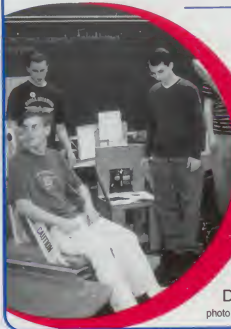


**partying** Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the book *Catcher in the Rye*, Tanya Ivey (11), Brianna Wirtz (11), and Dinno Jahovic (11) cut the birthday cake in Mrs. Denise Buck's English class. Before the party the class first read the novel. photo by R. Overbeek



Sophomore Erin Kelly trains her dogs, Spot and King, during a demonstration speech in Mrs. Deborah Ciochina's speech class. Kelly's speech involved teaching the class how dogs learn and do tricks. "I had a lot of fun. It was a break from regular speech," said Kelly. photo by Maritza Mota

**9** In English Literature [with Mrs. Denise Buck] we created a Victorian Tea Party as an introduction to a chapter. We dressed with hats, gloves, furs, etc. We even drank tea, and ate crumpets and scones. It was an interesting experience for me," said Samantha Myers (12). photo by Maritza Mota



**9** I liked the project a lot. It was a good way not only to exercise your mind but to demonstrate the laws of physics. Also, the chair was suprisingly comfortable. We made a rocking chair, and it was pretty neat," said Daniel Forsythe (12). photo by Dan Ostrozovich



Mike Stanek and Brent Brown (12)



Megan Frasier and Lacy Holevis (11)



Lauren Tokar (10) and Michael Straka (12)

# Learning on the road

## Field trips offer chance to learn

**C**ould you imagine being transported back in time to the Middle Ages, witnessing and experiencing firsthand what you studied in World Literature class at Medieval Times, or studying physics by riding a roller coaster at Six Flags? Field trips often times allowed students a break from their rigorous school schedules and offered opportunities to experience subject matter firsthand.

"I think field trips were great ideas," said Anthony Oberman (12). Senior Aubrey Easton agreed. "It gave us a chance to get out of the classroom environment," she said.

Depending on the class taken, students traveled to various destinations. Foods classes traveled to the grocery stores and restaurants, publications staffs attended conferences, English Literature students visited Chicago's Shakespearean Theatre to watch *The Tempest*, and Senior English students experienced the art museum in Chicago.

Amanda Ketcher (12) said "Field trips were always fun. With field trip we could have a good time with friends and at the same time learn interesting things." - Maritza Mota

**D**uring a trip to the Sofa Exhibit in Chicago, Kathryn Cartwright and Justin Jenkins (11) view different modern sculptures. Cartwright and Jenkins visited the art exhibit along with Mr. Justin Allison and their ceramics class. photo by Sarah Pasyk



watching

Ryan Orzechowicz (12), Kevin Klein (12), and Anthony Rivera (12) cheer on the green knight during his jousting battle. Seniors in Mrs. Overbeeke and Mrs. Cuffia's World Literature classes attended Medieval Times after reading several epics including the *Song of Roland*. photo by R. Overbeeke



cheering

While standing up to see the battle of one of the performing knights, Ryan Manley (12) shouts his encouragement. Manley, with Andrew Collins (12), went to Medieval Times with their World Literature class. The group cheered on the green knight, but he was defeated in the final battle. photo by R. Overbeeke



Mrs. Rattazzi

"My Prostart class took a trip to the Radisson one day.

Since I have been working at Jolly Gingers since December, I got to do something cool and unique. I got to do a demonstration on how to make Fruit Fantasy for my class," said Kara Mislan (12). photo submitted by

"Our fourth year French class took a field trip to the Bistro 150 Restaurant in Chicago. It was so much fun and the food was great. I thought it was a cool experience and an awesome way of introducing us to real French culture," said Ashleigh Robbins (12). photo by Sarah Pasyk



"Every year the foreign language classes took a trip to Chicago. We got to shop in the Water Tower Place and even visit a German market where I looked for Christmas presents. It was so much fun," said Krystina Trimble, 11 (with Cindy Grant, 11).

photo by Sarah Pasyk



▼ With keys in hand, John Krajci (11) steps into his '96 Ford Ranger XLT, his obsession. "I spent about six hours cleaning and detailing the Ranger during the fall and winter," said Krajci. photo by Dan Ostrosovich



▼ Playing with his accumulation of wrestling action figures and other collectibles in his room, Joe Anello (11) sits in front of his wide assortment of toys. "I think the collection probably cost around \$3000," said Anello. photo by Dan Ostrosovich



Obsessions  
habits,  
range from  
music to  
Starbucks  
coffee

During high school, teenagers had obsessions ranging from sports to music to other types of things like Starbucks Japanese Club member Jaclyn Alicea (9). Sports, both in and out of school, played a large role in many students' obsessions. "I played soccer with both the high school team and the Wildcats. In the off-season of high school soccer, we lifted weights, practiced two to three times a week and competed in many tournaments," said Claudia Rhye (10). Whether it was art, sports, or Japanese, obsessions played a role in the daily lives of students. For some, obsessive behavior provided comfort. -Dan Ostrosovich



While talking to Daryl Packard (10), Kelly Underwood (11) indulges in her obsession with lip gloss. "I put it [lip gloss] on like twelve times a day and if I didn't do it I would have gone crazy." photo by Dan Ostrosovich

Hot coffee from the Starbucks in Hobart starts off Anna Egofski's (11) school day. "I got coffee at least five days a week. Some days I went to Starbucks before school in the morning." photo by Brittany Jillson





A fierce "kendo" duel with Dan Stanko (11) escalates as Sean Ray (11) wears his typical all black clothing. "I just wanted to be separate without being conformed to society's opinion of an outcast," said Ray. Photo by Dan Ostrozovich

Man  
in  
black



## Obsessed with music

Although most students' obsessions tended to have little bearing on their future, some actually prepared individuals for possible

college majors or future careers. For example, Renee Rysiewicz (11), who played

first chair violin

during the orchestra's Christmas Concert, planned

to enter a prestigious school of music. "I played [the violin] since I was four and a half and became more into it when I entered high school."

Having taken a different path to a career in music, Aaron Faulstich (11) was not only involved with Jazz Band, but also played many different instruments such as the bass guitar he practiced in his room. Faulstich planned to attend Ball State University and major in musical engineering.

photo by R. Overbeek

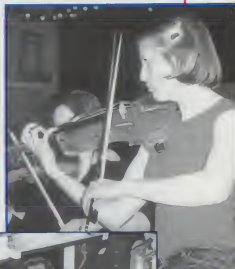


photo by Dan Ostrozovich

▼ As Lauren Tokar (11) acts out a scene from the movie *Charlie's Angels*, Adam Spurlock (10) watches. For Spring Break, Tokar and Spurlock both stayed at home. photo by A. Aaron



▼ While on a tour, Ben Koch (9) stands with one of the many royal guards outside the Tower of London. He was accompanied by his twin brother Joel and the rest of his family. They stayed in Europe for three days. photo by R. Overbeek



The ingredients for a terrific Spring Break included an exotic location, lots of sunshine, and great company.

Whether it involved beaches in Cancun, Florida, or the Bahamas, those lucky enough to travel enjoyed the time away from town, and those stuck at home enjoyed the time away from school.

"Over Spring Break, my family and some friends and

I went to Florida and stayed in a beach house. On my birthday we all went to Disney World and Mickey Mouse sang 'Happy Birthday' to me," said Erin Buchelt (10).

Not everyone left the Region, but they still tried to enjoy the break. "I liked to spend time with my friends, and we went out everyday. Sometimes we went on picnics and other times we stopped in Chicago," said Jennifer Dunn (9).

Busy school schedules left little time for family but a week off helped. "Depending on how things were going, I loved spending quality time with them and doing family stuff during break, but it was fun to hang out with friends too," said Lindsay Kortas (10). -Rosa Venegas



▲ Daryl (10) and Dale Packard (12) parasail along side a beach in Cancun, Mexico. They spent 5 days in Mexico along with their parents, grandparents and other family members. photo submitted by D. Packard

▲ At Diversity Tattoo and Piercing on the strip in Las Vegas, Nevada Sarah Chant (12) has her ear pierced for a bar insert. Chant graduated at Midterm and spent Spring Break with friends. photo by Dana Hemick

Break  
offers  
time  
with  
friends,  
family



After a day of shopping, Kristen Frank (12), Maritza Mota (12), Lauren Angel (11) and Jessica Koscielniak (11) rest in the freezing water at Red Rock National Park in Sedona, Arizona. Publications students spent break at a conference. photo by R. Overbeek

Just too cool

## Living life to its fullest

Ten girls and five parents set off for Cancun, Mexico over Spring Break and spent a week trying new things, according to Karie Larsen (12) and Katelin Klepsch (12). "It was really fun. The beaches were beautiful. We spent the evenings at dance clubs, which was a new experience for all of us," Larsen said.

One member of the group, Carly Link (12) took a snorkeling adventure.

"The cost was only \$50.00 per person, and I got to snorkel

three times in one day... and they fed us," she said.

In addition to under water sports, the girls traveled to a small island by ferry boat and tried bull riding...mechanical bull riding that is. Colleen Genetos (12) and Erin Momper (11) had a difficult time staying on. "It was a lot harder for two people to stay on than one, and we definitely fell off," said Genetos.



▼ Queen nominees Kelly McMahon and Angela Spadoni (12) socialize as they await the start of the grand march. "It felt incredible. Being on the prom court was an awesome experience," said Spadoni. photo by R. Overbeek



▼ Tracey Farnsworth (12) and Neseema Mohammed (11) hug as they exit the school. "Prom was the most memorable dance. It was the best dance and the last my friends and I attended together," said Farnsworth

photo by Titak



▲ During the Grand March Keri Cuculich (11) and Kyle Robbins (11) walk downstage. Cuculich wore flip flops with her gown. photo by R. Overbeek

► Matching his labels and cuffs to her hot pink hair, flowers and wings Britany Andrews (12) and Andrew Russel (12) line up for their turn on stage. The two had been dating for several years. photo by R. Overbeek

Grand  
march  
creates  
night of  
romp

With distinctly colored foliage, Principal Ryan Pitcock and white archways covered in white twinkling lights, students walked dressed up. They looked different out of school and in dress clothes," said Carissa Triplett (12). Kelly McMahon first time in the auditorium. "It felt good to walk everyone up close and that across the stage was really nice," she said. At the culmination of the event, silence filled the room as said Douglas Mr. Pitcock announced Kyle Vaughan (12). Knutson and Kara Gora (12) as

Following a king and queen. Alumni chaos filled day of members Ashley Bush and preparation, students Charlie Festa crowned the two. arrived at 5:30 pm. As "I was really happy my cousin won. I had really hoped she each student, dressed would, and when I found out, I in their finest attire, would be so ecstatic," said Ashley emerged from backstage was so ecstatic," said Ashley through the archway, Assistant Gora (9). -Martiza Mota



and you were being crowned for prom, others I don't believe I would as truly was. That was definitely one of the highlights of prom. Although the whole dance was great," said Kim Gora (12).  
 (Continued on p. 12)

Queen  
 for  
 the  
 night



## One weekend of memories

"One of my senior friends was worried that there wasn't going to be a prom, so I joined the committee," said Catherine Argadine (11). The rumors began circulating about two weeks prior to May 4. As the date of prom broached closer "Did you hear? Prom is cancelled!"

was a commonly heard phrase among students. A diminutive amount of junior participation and the possibility of financial problems first started the scuttlebutt. However, the gossip was misplaced. "Even though seniors normally did not participate in the planning of the

prom, Melissa Baumgardner (12) took the initiative and planned most of the event. From scheduling the hall to creating a theme, the success was largely due to Melissa," said Kelly Sapita (11). Baumgardner said, Tracy Werblo (11), an active member in the booster club, helped decorate the day before prom.

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Getting out of the car, David Kepperling (12) talks with Amber Zbell (10). **6:00**

Sarah Schueneman (11) and James Ashford (12) enter under a ballooned archway. **7:00**

Junior class Vice President Sarah Pasyk (11) recites the prayer prior to dinner. **7:15**

Before moving to the dance floor, Dana Marlow (12) shares dinner with Scott Moore (alumni). **8:00**

## dancing the night Away

Tanning, hair, make-up, nails... what was a girl to do? It

took the whole day before the 5 pm deadline to prepare for the evening, well for the girls anyway. "I woke up at 8:30 and went tanning. Then I had to go get make-up and things for my hair. After that I went to my hair appointment," said Veronica Dominquez (12).

The theme "Caught in a Dream" and the new location at the Radisson provided an atmosphere for a special prom. "Prom was a great time to get together with friends and dance for the last big celebration of the year," said Kyle Knutson (12).

The tradition of mediocre food changed with the new location too. "I thought that the food they served was so good; I ate it all," said Justin White (12).

Following dinner students danced. "The D.J.

played some really great songs. He kept on playing songs that everyone loved," said Lindsey Kranz (12). -Kristina Louttit

Dancers  
'Caught in  
a Dream'  
prom  
night



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After dinner, Mike Ferraro (11) dances with his date Emily Ketcher (10). **9:00**

Michael Straka (12) chats with friends Sabryna Wedding (11) and Emily James (12). **9:15**

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Feeling the music, Katherine Damanskis (11) dances with her hands in the air. **10:00**

Near the end of prom, Ryan Allen (12) and Courtney Bright (12) slow dance. **10:30**



◀ 'Smile.' On the dance floor, friends Jessica Hitchcock (12) and Emily Rashin (12) try to preserve a moment in time. "My favorite part of prom was all the time I spent with my friends," said Hitchcock. photo by Titak

▼ Showing their affection, Candice Robinson (10) and Craig Horvat (11) share a dance. "Prom was so special because I shared it with my boyfriend," said Robinson. photo by Titak



◀ Dancing with her boyfriend Jeff Walsh (12), Heather Loosemore (11) finds it difficult not to laugh at his antics. "While my boyfriend and I were dancing, he kept making up all of these crazy dances. It was so funny," she said. photo by Titak



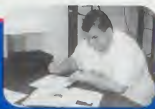
◀ Heather Dallman (11) stands with Josh Trenay, as she talks to friends. "I just loved the dance! I enjoyed dressing up and being with my friends. Dancing was the best part of the night," said Dallman. photo by Titak



Eric Neely (12)



Pierce Overbeeke (11)



Billy Wilson (12)

## Alternative Classes

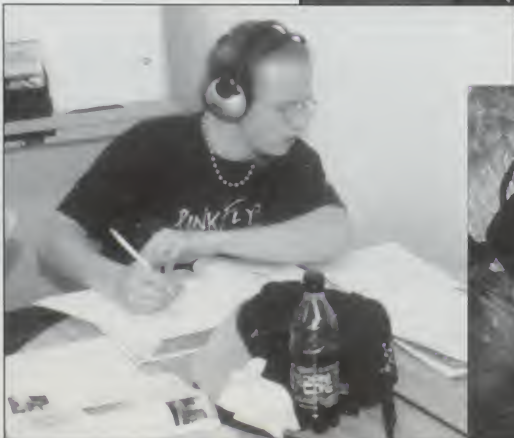
### Regular class not for all

**S**pending all day in a regular classroom setting didn't appeal to everyone. Whether students participated in the Marine Biology class held in Florida, attended adult education classes, enrolled in Crossroads Alternative School, or finished required classes in summer school, several alternatives were available to attain course credit for graduation.

Hot sun, the cold, blue ocean, and scuba diving may sound like a vacation, but for the 20 students who took marine biology, it was educational time. "I heard about the Marine Biology class and thought it sounded like a really interesting way to gain a science credit," said Chase Overbeeke (11). Students were required to pay additional fees for the class, and it didn't come cheaply. "Our parents had to pay about \$1300 for the class and then we had to sell raffle tickets too," said Jennifer Stremпка (10).

Crossroads offered students two sessions per day. Each only lasted about 4 hours. Attendees worked at their own pace using various computer programs to gain course credit.

**Studying** During the morning sessions of Crossroads, the alternative high school, Eric Harris (11) concentrates on his history. "I just prefer it here. I like to listen to heavy metal music while I work, and you couldn't do that at the high school," said Harris. photo by Joe Huber





During one of the Saturday scuba diving classes Megan Vega (10) steps out of the pool. Students had to attend three scuba sessions in the pool and complete two open water dives for certification. photo by Maritza Mota



**Splashing** Chase Overbeeke (11) surfaces from the high school pool during his scuba diving classes. Attaining an open water certification in scuba diving was required for the Marine Biology summer class. Students completed the open water dive in May during 40 degree weather. photo by Maritza Mota



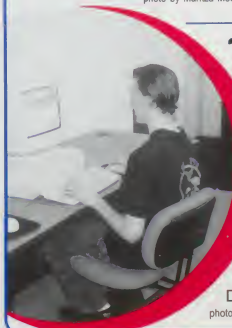
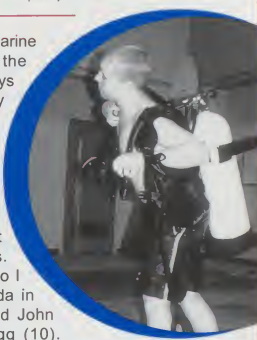
photo by Joe Huber

The reason I decided to go to Crossroads Alternative School was because I had a hard time at the regular high school. I really didn't get along with some of the people there, and at Crossroads you recieved a lot more one on one help from Mrs. Lange," said Lisa Deneau (12). (with Mrs. Diane Lange, Director)

The Marine Biology trip to the Florida Keys sounded really exciting, so I thought, why not go and try out for the class. We had to write an essay and get recommendations.

I made it and so I went to Florida in August," said John Wragg (10).

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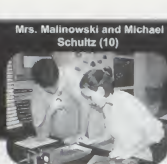
The reason I went to Crossroads instead of the high school was because it was easier, and less time was needed in school. You could also work at your own pace, and it was interactive," said David Burcham (10).

photo by Ryan Wilson





Candace Walton (9) and  
Melanie Witt (9)



Mrs. Malinowski and Michael  
Schultz (10)



Ryan Roccaforte (10) and  
Joshua Easto (10)

## Day of discovering

### Discover by experimenting



From attempting to calculate how long a magic marker will fly to cutting open a frog, every high school student participated in experimentation whether they wanted to or not. In Mr. Bryan Tripper's biology class students dissected a variety of species including frogs, oysters, worms, starfish, crawfish, and grasshoppers. Anna Argadine (10) said, "I really don't think that it was that bad. It smelled really bad though."

In Earth and Space Science classes, students first erected a toothpick building and then determined if it could withstand shaking equivalent to an earthquake. Chelsea Krammes (9) said, "Building the toothpick buildings was a fun way to learn about earthquakes."

However, classes other than science involved students in discovery and experimentation. Industrial technology allowed students to experiment with various types of equipment. The business and computer classes entangled students in the discovery process using the trial and error method. Participants learned new software programs and the best way to surf the internet. -

**Brittany Jillson**

**Drawing** Using the engraving machine in communications class, Ryan Orzechowicz (12) and Colleen Drasga (12) demonstrate the ability of both sexes to use machinery. Orzechowicz said, "I took this class because I heard it was fun." photo by Brittany Jillson



John Beauchamp (12) tests the weight his chair can handle by sitting on it. Mr. Jerome Flewelling's Physics classes completed the chair project while studying the laws of physics. The students built the chairs so that they could withstand evenly distributed weight. photo by Dan Ostrovich



writing

Dana Hernick (12) and Lauren Hack (12) work with Mr. John Bare (Industrial

Technology) on a power point presentation for their Communication Systems class. Students worked daily experimenting with graphic elements and communication programs. photo by Titak



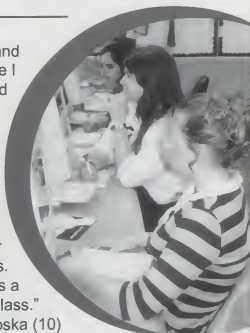
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"I thought it was very helpful to take Document Formatting class in assisting my keyboard and typing skills. I quickly mastered the home keys. I heard that the class was fun and I also heard that there were a lot of girls in that class." -Andy Collins (12)

"I took notehand class because I thought it would improve my note taking skills and my writing techniques. It was a good course to take if you needed to work on your notetaking skills. Sometimes it was a fun class."

-Kristina Damjanoska (10)

photo by Brittany Jillson



Jillson

"I enjoyed using the internet for looking up information. The Microsoft Word program was a great program to use for writing reports and other kinds of papers. Plus the card catalog was on the computer, which was really great." -Chris Grzymala (9) photo by Brittany



Jeremy Valois (10)



Gregory Schatzman (12)



Nolan Szalmasagi (12)

## Acquiring useful assets

### Preparing for future careers

**S**ome high school students planned for their futures by taking classes that helped to prepare them for "real world" careers. In these classes students learned skills that included both technical and personal skills. Electives in the family and consumer sciences, business, and industrial arts provided a well-rounded education. Douglas Carstens (12) chose to take machine shop. "I was not sure what my future job was going to be, but the common sense skills that I learned were beneficial to me," said Carstens (12). Notetaking class helped Kristin Frank (12). "The reason I took notetaking was because it helped me prepare for college. In the future I wanted to write for a newspaper, and I thought knowing how to take accurate notes would help," said Frank. Matthew Melton (12) planned to pursue a career dealing with computers, and he also took a class to help further his knowledge in the field. "Cisco was a great hands on experience. It taught me how to deal with network and computer problems," said Melton.

-Kristina Louttit

**Drawing** While in technical drawing class, Dustin Scaggs (12) creates a house. "Tech. drawing helped me quite a bit. I found good jobs that I was qualified for when I graduated," said Scaggs. After college, he wanted to get into video game concept and design. photo by Titak





As Andrew Gregor (11) works on his computer, he listens to music through the headphones. Gregor took CISCO training classes to prepare him for his planned future job in computer networking. photo by Titak



Working

Getting up close to his work, Anthony Pruski (12) concentrates on his tool project in the machine shop. Pruski said he took the class because he really liked working with his hands. photo by Titak

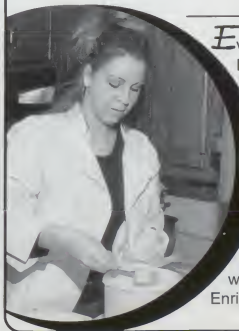


I took the class (Document Formatting) because computers would help me in my future career. I wanted to pursue pharmacology. I was able to improve my typing ability and learn about new programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint," said Mark Patrick (9). photo by Jessica Kosciniak

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n Machine Shop we learned about the machinery you might use for a future job. My favorite project that I completed in that class was my Swiss cheese block. It was a block that had 48 holes drilled in it used for decoration. In Machine Shop, we had a lot of fun," said Adam Smith (11). photo by Titak



Even though I already knew how to cook, I knew we would get to eat in the class. That was why I took it. I enjoyed the class because it taught me many things I didn't know how to do, and I enjoyed everything we made," said Jorey Enright (12). photo by Titak



Kenny Easton, Kelly Bielak, & Ashley Robbins (12)



Show Choir



Renee Rysiewicz (11)

## Creative Outlets

# Performing increases fun



Where could the typical student leave behind the essential core classes, tests, and assignments for one hour of enjoyment? Theater, band, orchestra, and choir classes provided a creative outlet and a comfortable atmosphere.

Drama students created their own version of the T.V. hit "Who's Line is it Anyway." "We had to go on stage and improvise a scene using whatever object Mr. (Kit) Deganhart threw on stage," said Kelly Sapita (11). Some very funny moments occurred during "Improv." "When Mr. D called your number during Improv you had to run up on the stage. Once, this guy tripped and fell right into the lights," said Pierce Overbeeke (11).

Music students found relaxation along with the fun. "There was more freedom in music classes; it was a more relaxed atmosphere, and I was always proud of the product," said Colleen Carroll (10). A participant in orchestra, band, choir, and theater, Jason Daseler (12) said, "Music allowed me to express myself in ways I normally could not. It relaxed me and eased my mind." -Maritza Mota

**Playing** Playing her clarinet during 5th hour Concert Band, third year member Michelle Retson (11) tries not to skip a beat. "It was a nice break from the rest of the school day," said Retson. photo

by Titak



**We Restore Unity**



Maria Garcia and Alyssa Arambula (9) practice for the annual Christmas Concert during Freshman Girls' Choir. "I decided to take choir because of the fact that I enjoy singing," said Garcia. photo by Maritza Mota



## Acting

Donning the part of Valarie and Beth from the play "Love Letters", Aleksandra Joveska and Danielle Willard (11) perform for their final during Advanced Acting. The class met during 5th hour. photo by Maritza Mota



"I have worked very hard in the past four years and my hard work has paid off. Band has been a major part of my life during my high school career. I would not change any part of it (being in band) even if I had the chance. I will always be grateful to Ms. (Peg) Shaffer (director)," said Erin Nault (12). photo by Titak

"I have always loved music and singing which made me want to join the freshman choir. I go there everyday with a class of all girls. It was a really good break during the day just to get away from all the regular studying," said Melissa Lincourt (9). photo by Titak



"I really enjoyed being part of the orchestra. Music relaxes me and gives me an opportunity to not have any academic pressure on me for a while. To me it was a pleasurable study hall with a credit," said Gabrielle Fraire (11). photo by Maritza Mota



Dana Hernick (12)



Aimee Cooper (11)



Lisa Remlinger (12)

## Visualizing artistry

### Firing Up creative aspiration



Breaking the cycle of just another September day, Mr. Bob Wit displayed his love for pottery. In seconds

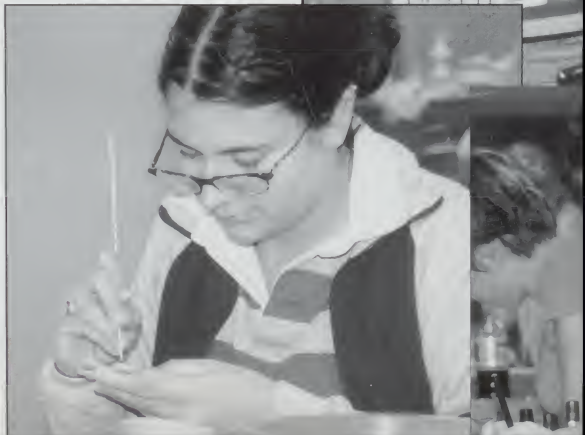
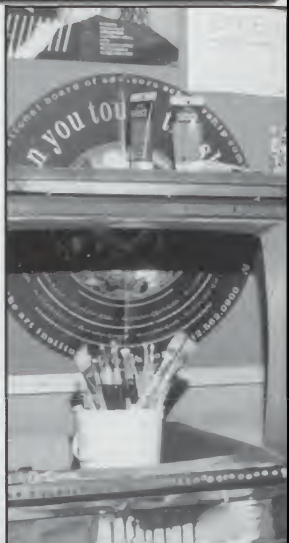
his hands molded a block of clay into a piece of art. "Everyone stared in awe at how fast he was on the wheel," said Sara Pittman (10). "I met him through his wife thirty years ago. He had a very genuine personality and donated some of his art to the new school," said Mrs. Linda Pera (Art) who invited him to the school. Mr. Wit, a retired art teacher from Griffith who sold his artwork out of his home, demonstrated pottery techniques for the ceramics classes.

Students in the visual arts classes created a variety of pieces including self-portraits, mirror etchings, still-life drawings, and pottery to name a few. "I thought art provided a creative outlet, but required more work than I thought," said Cara Palonis (11). Project XL offered winners scholarships and recognition. "Competition was really tough, but usually four or five made it to second round," said Mrs. Donna Pancini (Art). -Lauren Angel

freedom

"I arrin Michaels (12) smoothes out the snow flakes that went on the christmas mug she made in her art class. "Independent

study was my favorite art class. I loved working by myself and working at my own pace," said Michaels. photo by Titak



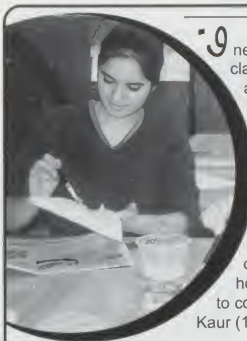


Kara Gora (12) paints a TV for a future project in advanced art. The T.V. once was a fish tank. Gora and her friends took it out of someone's garbage and entered it into Project Excel in the spring. photo by R. Overbeek



## coloring

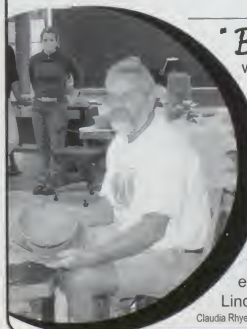
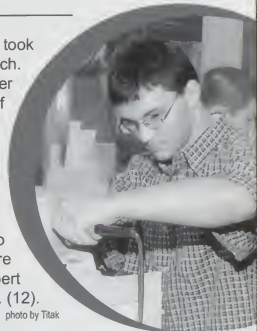
During Mrs. Pancini's drawing class, Molly Regnier (11) prepares to draw her mom's lipstick with prisma colors. Regnier took drawing because she hoped to pursue a career in art. photo by Titak



"I never had taken an art class before, and Art I and II was a great art class to take for beginning art students. I planned on taking Drawing I and Ceramics I and II the next year. I hoped to continue creating art as a hobby for a long time to come," said Ravinder Kaur (11). photo by Titak

"The reason I took construction tech. was to get a better understanding of the tools and machines in woodshop. This was a great class to take if you wanted to pick up a trade to use in your future life," said Robert Bruno. (12).

photo by Titak



"Bob Wit (an artist who demonstrated his work) is a very nice and talkative person. He was very willingly to do a presentation for our ceramics students. He was open with his love for art and wanted to share it with everyone," said Mrs. Linda Pera (Art). photo by

Claudia Rhye

# Graduation becomes all day celebration

At the Senior Brunch, Erin Crowley (12) visits with her 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Barbara Underwood. **10:30**

Greeting each other, Seniors Alexander Vlassopoulos and Matthew Pasyk shake hands. Pasyk was voted "best senior smile." **10:45**

Ellen Sistovaris (12) waits for the ceremony before the auditorium doors open. "It was bittersweet to see how happy everyone was. I felt like I had to savor every moment with my class just in case I never saw them again," said Sistovaris. **6:45**

Graduates Nikki Aubisan, Jacob Babich, and Jessica Babich wait for their classmates to fill the rows. **7:15**

After her speech, Valedictorian Rachel Smith presents Mrs. Peg Shaffer with an award. **8:15**

The first to recite his Valedictory message, Peter Bessette (12) honored Mrs. Nancy May, who was his Math teacher for two years. In his speech Bessette commented not only on the countless good times, but also the "world facing more uncertainty than ever before."

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On the stage, senior choir members Stephanie Gursky and Elizabeth Erickson sing the Star Spangled Banner. The seniors participated in their final performance at graduation.

Off the field

photo by Tilak



During the practice run of the graduation ceremony, Michael Barringer yelled, "Get this flow on the road." His remark was met with much laughter since Barringer, along with the other graduates, had been repeatedly instructed by Principal William Cope to "flow" as they entered and exited their rows.

The graduates began the day at 8 am practice and then preceded to the Senior Brunch. At 6 pm the class met again, but for the last time. After the introduction speeches, Student Council President Shannon Morfin (12) presented the class gift to Mr. Cope, a tree and a landscaping stone with an engraved quote

which read, "Have you forgotten yet? September 11, 2001." The two items were to be placed on the grounds of the new high school. Morfin explained the purpose of the gift. "The world was in a state of struggle and upheaval throughout the year, and we (the class of 2002) wanted a gift that would symbolize peace."

Sarah Pasyk and Lauren Angel

Graduates impart senior gift symbolizing peace



In the auditorium lobby after the ceremony, Lindsey Kranz and Kelly Fricke hug. "The only thing that I was worried about the whole night was tripping on stage," said Kranz.

squeeze me tight

photo by Tilak

Enjoying the senior video, Courtney Bonhivert leans on boyfriend Patrick Baidinger's shoulder. The approximately 20 minute long video was created by the seniors in mass media.

lean on me

photo by Sarah Pasyk

Mideastern terrorists  
bring reign of terror  
to New York City  
and the nation's  
capitol

# Tears & Tragedy

"I first thought it was a terrible accident, the plane hitting the first tower, but when the second hit I realized then that terrorism had arrived on our shores," said Mr. Victor Dykiel (history).



photo by AP

## At the world trade

center: Blue skies covered the New York skyline until 8:45 AM when American Airlines (AA) Flight 11 crashed into Tower 1 of the World Trade Center (WTC).

People watched in horror as nameless victims jumped to their death. Then suddenly at 9:03 United Airlines (UA) Flight 175 deliberately crashed into Tower 2. But more terror was yet to come. AA Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon, and UA 93 crashed in a remote field in Pennsylvania.

## The towers collapse:

The towers still burned, and "walking victims" scattered the area.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Dominc Guadagnoli (left) helped a women after being injured in the



photo by AP

WTC. A huge cloud of dust and debris covered southern Manhattan when the towers fell. "I knew then that what I was experiencing was the same thing my parents went through when

Kennedy was assassinated," said Danielle Dravet (11).

## Following the events of 911:



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The number of missing people rose following that horrific day. Rescue teams worked around the clock searching for anyone who had survived. On September 14th, President George Bush visited "ground zero" and stood with firefighter Bob Beckwiter on a damaged fire truck. President Bush and Mayor Rudolph Gulani brought hope to a mourning nation that we would recover and stand strong. "These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve," proclaimed the President.

## Firemen gave their

lives: Father Brian Jordan (right) gathered with firemen around a steel cross that had been found amidst the rubble at "ground zero".



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- Jessica Koscielniak

## Students

1. Kristina Loutitt (11) and Kelly Brown (10) stand outside the east side of the court house and listen to prayers and songs to support the victims. photo by Jessica Koscielniak

2. Ben Williams (11) watches the breaking news on CNN in Mrs. Overbeeke's class during 4th hour. photo by Jessica Koscielniak

## Parents

3. Jogging through the library during class James Ashford (12) shows off his patriotism. photo by Sarah Pasyk

4. Mrs. Cynthia Dewes's English class gathers around the flag sent by a battalion stationed in Hawaii who participated in Operation Enduring Freedom. photo by R. Overbeeke

## Under the stars

5. Mrs. Debbie Clochina's English students, Mark Krause (11) and John Birchum (11) hang a poster outside her room, showing their support for America. photo by Sarah Pasyk

6. Sophomores Jonathan Hagerbone and Brad Moorehead, stand with their candles at dusk the night of September 14th. photo by Jessica Koscielniak





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# Lead & Proud

Entertainment rocks New York as the "King of Pop" returns to center stage on CBS special

1. Musician Dave Davidson (12) plays "Redemption Song" by Bob Marley, for Neil Baranczyk (12) in Mr. Jim Ingelhart's Economics class. photo by Jessica Koscielniak

2. Marc Bonich (11) and Jason Daesler (12) brush-up on the funeral scene from "Our Town," before their last performance. photo by Jessica Koscielniak

3. At the Jazz band concert, held in the cafeteria, Peter Bessette (12) plays dueling trombone with his father who once played in Crown Point high school's band. photo submitted by M. Malaski

4. Marisa Fernandez (10) practices outside the new flag routine for the Marching Band half time show on the baseball field. photo by Joe Huber

5. Dance team members Jennifer Gladdis (11), Jaime Jansen (10), and Holli Warneke (12) rally the crowd during half time at a girls' basketball game. photo by Maritza Mota

"When Dave (Davidson) played it was like my own mini-concert. He could play everything from Bob Marley to Eve 6. I thought he would be famous someday and I was glad I got to sing with him," said Kera Boog (12).

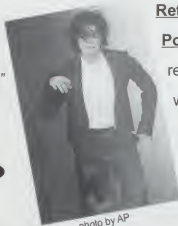


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**Return of the "King of Pop":** Michael Jackson returned to center stage with the release of his new CD "Invincible." Jackson won the 2002 American Artist of the Century award.

Jackson also dominated prime-time television on CBS when he performed in his 30th anniversary concert. The show included a reunion of the Jackson Five and performances from Destiny's Child and Whitney Houston.

## Another movie for the

**sweetheart:** The Academy Award winner Julia Roberts promoted her film "America's Sweethearts" at the premiere in Beverly Hills.

Besides Roberts, "America's Sweethearts" also starred Billy Crystal, John Cusack, and Katherine Zeta-Jones. "Julia Robert's movies are always so different and interesting, and I think it makes

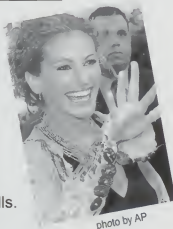


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her such a great actress," said Nicole Corros

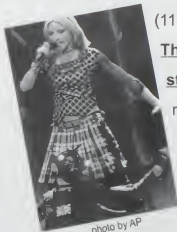


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(11). **The material girl on stage:** Madonna returned to the USA for her North America "Drowned" tour that started in Philadelphia. The singer showed

support for young pop star Brittany Spears by coming out on stage wearing a shirt that said "Brittany." Madonna ended her tour in Los Angeles on September 15th and donated all the profits to orphaned children of the September 11th tragedy.

**Cruise and Cruz team-up:** Tom Cruise stood with Penelope Cruz at the premiere of Cruz's film "Captain Corelli's Mandolin." The two actors met while working together on the set of their film "Vanilla Sky." After September 11th, they joined other Hollywood actors on

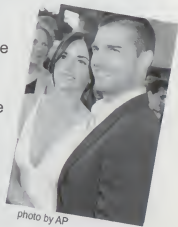


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television to raise money for the victims of the terrorist attacks. - Jessica Koscielniak

Local news stretches  
clear down Main  
Street and all  
the way to  
outer space

# Big & Bold

"The new school will be a step up from what we had. From a technological stand point the new high school will help better prepare students for what they need to know for the future," said Matt Melton (12).

## Out of this world:

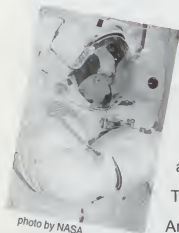


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Astronaut Jerry Ross suited up for his ninth space walk to deliver and install a S0 truss and mobile transporter. The alumnus holds the American astronaut record in hours, flights and walks in

with a four lane indoor track.

## Cold day for Campaigning: Officer Milan



photo by J. Koscielniak

Damjanovic stands outside Solan Robinson with his son Nick and Melissa Melton (9). Damjanovic ran for school board, but lost. Judy Katz, Karen Schrum and

outer space. "I felt strongly about the international space station, especially because we were working closely with our main international partners: Russia, Japan and Canada," said Ross.

## Future home of the

**Bulldogs:** In the spring, the faculty and staff toured the new 460,000 square foot facility. Mr. Ryan Pitcock and Mr. Deon Katsouros,



photo by J. Koscielniak

the on-site construction manager of the project, stood outside the main entrance of the new school. The school will be equipped with 12 basketball courts, and a field house

Carol Rob took the available three positions. Officer Damjanovic provided security for students and headed the D.A.R.E. program.

## Success comes again for Kuzman: State

Representative Robert Kuzman and former school board member Bob McCormick discussed pressing issues concerning primary election day. Kuzman won the Democratic nomination for the State Representative for the third time. "It's all about the kids," said Kuzman. - Jessica Koscielniak



photo by J. Koscielniak

1. Juniors Josh Damjanovic and Erinn Quinn relax outside Lake Street School and greet voters on election day. photo by J. Koscielniak

2. Mr. Don Bernacky (history) explains to Allison Kloss about the significance of Resurrection Cemetery to Suburban Roots ghost trip. photo by J. Koscielniak

## Catching the

3. Outside Timothy Ball, Nick Hoffman (11) talks with an early morning voter. photo by J. Koscielniak

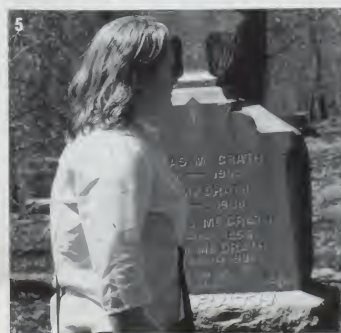
4. After voting, before going to school Mr. Art Equihua shakes hands with some of supporters for the running candidates. photo by Jessica Koscielniak

## Shining the

5. Walking through the cemetery near St. James church, Amanda Auron listens for the "breathing graves." photo by Jenn Lynch

6. Veronica Dominguez (12) supports her dad outside Taft. Mr. Roy Dominguez won his party's nomination for Lake County Sheriff. photo by J. Koscielniak





# When duty calls...

## We Close Ranks

Typically, students tended to associate with other people from their own grade. Seniors spent their time together before graduating while freshman, traditionally pushed aside, **stuck together** to try and become better acquainted with high school life. However, there existed a number of upperclassmen who **closed ranks** and extended their duties to looking after and guiding the underclassmen. For example, Amy Enslen (12), a member of the Student Council for four years, did not participate in State events until her junior year, and she regretted waiting. "Since my first convention, I wished I had known about the events sooner because there were so many opportunities for freshmen and sophomores, yet very few for upperclassmen. Elena Theodores (9) had so much to offer our school and state; I thought she would have been a good person to get involved." So Enslen accepted the task of guiding Theodores along and pushing her to get involved with different Student Council events such as State Convention and Representative Assembly. "If it wasn't for Amy and a few other seniors, I wouldn't know all that I do now. She was pretty much a role model for me and I could have never said how thankful I was that she was there for me," said Theodores.

Teachers also found a way to **casually assemble** and benefit their health at the same time. Inspired by previous yoga classes and in search of a convenient program, Mrs. Linda Pera (art) organized a yoga program for faculty and staff throughout the school. About twenty-five percent met on Thursdays at 3 pm for an hour to learn breathing techniques, positions, and balance. "By participating in group activities, differences were diminished and similarities appreciated," said Pera. -Sarah Pasyk



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1. Dating for two months, Sarah Gilles (10) and John Horst (12) attend their first dance together, Turnabout. "It was a fun night and I looked forward to more dances with John," said Gilles. photo by Titak

2. Treble Choir member Elizabeth Bessette (10) dances with Erin Buchelt (10) while the Concert Choir sings at the Christmas concert. Bessette started singing in fourth grade for St. Mary's Church Choir. photo by R. Overbeeke

3. Ashleigh Robbins (12) and Jamie Kooi (12) dance and sing to "Boogie-Woogie Santa Claus" at the Christmas Concert. "Show Choir was fun because you got to entertain and show a little more personality," said Robbins. photo by R. Overbeeke

4. In order to strengthen his shoulder muscles, Brad Mooney (11) repeats shrugs on the dead lift machine. Mooney joined BST to build muscle and improve his sports ability. photo by Titak

5. For Mrs. Deb Ciochina's speech class Michael Finney (12) demonstrates different styles of playing the guitar and talks about its history. Finney showed interest in his aunt's guitar at age twelve. photo by Amanda

Auron



4.



**S**enior Heather-Ann Schaeffner reads aloud at Suburban Roots. Schaeffner was an active member of Suburban Roots and Editor-in-Chief of the poetry publication *Windfall*. photo by Tom Spear

# living a "gypsy"

"I liked everywhere I have been. If I had to do it over again I still would have moved each year, but I would have picked four different states for the chance of experience."

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## Schaeffner ponders next move

At the close of her senior year, Heather-Ann Schaeffner prepared to pick up and move to California, which made eight moves in all since she and her mother began their "gypsy" lifestyle. From age 14 to 18 Schaeffner had moved seven times between four different states: New Jersey, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Indiana. "My mom was a cynical optimist. The grass was always greener on the other side, or in the

other state for that matter," said Schaeffner.

It all began with the first move to Tennessee. "The first move to Tennessee...that was hard, that hurt. I fit in well there, although I didn't expect it. But I had a lot of trouble with the administration, and it got to be not fun. When my mom said that she was ready to move again, I was too," said Schaeffner.

The constant moving forced Schaeffner to realize that "nothing was permanent," but at the same time she didn't distance herself from everything. "It's like the Tom Petty song 'Last Dance with Mary Jane' when he said, 'I feel summer creepin' in. I'm tired of this town again,' because we moved every summer. He also said, 'I don't know but I've been told you never slow down and you never grow old.' I felt like that was true so I had to keep up with everything." said Schaeffner. -Ryan Wilson & Sarah Pasyk







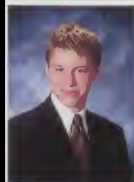
**Abshire, Nicole:** Freshman Girls' Choir 9,  
Mixed Chorus 10; Spanish Club 9, 10; Tennis 9  
**Aliferakis, Andrew:** French Club 11, 12,  
Honor Society 12; Key Club 9-12, SADD 11,  
12; Spanish Club 9, 10  
**Allen, Ryan:** Mixed Chorus 9, Concert Choir  
10-12, Mixed Show Chorus 12; Football 9-11,  
Letterman's Club 9-11, Orchestra 9-11,  
Thespians 9-12; Tech 9-12, ETC 9-12  
**Alt, David:** Design Master 9-12, Football 9,  
Track 9-11  
**Altop, Catherine:** Spanish Club 10, Prostat  
11



Andjelich, Milan  
Andras, Joseph: Football 9; HERO 12,  
Spanish Club 9  
Andre, Peter: FCA 9-11, Key Club 9,  
Soccer 9-11, Track 9, 10.  
Andreoli, Laura: Concert Band 9, 10;  
Freshman Girls Choir 9; Mixed Choir 11  
Colorguard 9, 10  
Andrews, Britany



Angelini, Ashley: Driving 9-12, GVC 9-12, Gymnastics 9-12 (Capt), Track 9-12.  
Appel, Jillian: Concert Band 10, 11, Marching Band 9-11, Pep Band 9, Royal Regiment 9-11  
Arambuia, Alense: Soccer 10, 11, Spanish Club 9-11  
Ashford, James: Football 9, 10, French Club 12, Spanish Club 12, Wrestling 9  
Autuchon, Nicole: GVC 10-12, Soccer 9-12 (Capt)



**Rubich, Jacob:** Swimming 12, Wrestling 9  
**Rubich, Jessica:** Freshman Band 9; Marching Band 10, Colorguard 10; Dance Team 9  
Spanish Club 10, 11  
**Rucke, John:** Suburban Roots 11, 12, Windfall 11  
**Ruidinger, Patrick:** Baseball 9-12; Journalism 10, Letterman's Club 11, 12  
**Ballard, Jillian:** Marching Band 11, 12; (Capt), Pep Band 10-12; Symphonic Band 10-12, Colorguard 9, 10; FCA 12; Gymnastics 9; Psychology Club 11, Honor Society 12  
**Japanese Club 12, Key Club 11, 12; Math Club 10-12, Peer As Resource 11; Royal Regiment 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12 (mvp), Student Council 12 (treas), Track 10, 12, Orchestra Winds 11**



Balaska, Angela  
Baloski, Michelle: Honor Society 11, 12; Key  
Club 9-12 (pres), Kiwanians 12, Spanish Club  
9-12 (pres)  
Baloski, Peter  
Baranczyk, Neil  
Barenie, Mervyn: Marching Band 9-12, Jazz  
Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band  
9-12, Baseball 9, 10; French Club 9-12,  
Journalism 10, Orchestra 10-12, Royal  
Regiment 9-12, Track 11, 12



**Barringer, Michael:** Design Master 9-11, Football 9, 10; Track 9, 10.

**Bateman, Rachel**

**Baumgardner, Mark:** Concert Band 9, 10; Pep Band 9, 10; Symphonic Band 11, Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10-11, Football 9-11; HERO 12; Letterman's Club 10-12.

**Thespians 11, 12**

**Baumgardner, Melissa:** Academic Team 9; Concert Band 9-11, Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 12; Freshman Girls Chorus 9; Mixed Chorus 10, 11; Concert Choir 12; Orchestra 9; Royal Regiment 9-12; Showtime 11, 12; Spanish Club 9; Student Council 9-12; Thespians 9-12; Student Booster President 12.

**Brauchamp, John Jr.:** Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10-12; Cross Country 9, 10; Track 9-12.

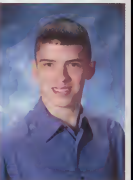
**Beemsterboer, Elizabeth:** Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9; Symphonic Band 10-12; FCA 9-11; Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 9, 10; Latin Club 9-12; Orchestra 10-12; Royal Regiment 9-12;  
**Boss, Robert:** Auto Club 12; Football 10-12; Letterman's Club 10-12;  
**Beilman, Matt**  
**Berne, Donald:** Honor Society 11, Lab Tech Support;  
**Bernacki, Kathryn**



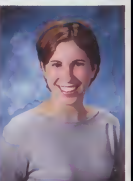
**Bertram, Tanya:** Design Master 10-12; Orchestra 9, 10;  
**Bessette, Peter:** Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; German Club 9-11; Honor Society 12; Math Club 10-12; Orchestra 10-12; Romanus 12; Royal Regiment 9-12;  
**Bielak, Kelly:** Mixed Choir 11, 12; Mixed Show Choir 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Kivans 12; Peer At Resource 12;  
**Blackburn, J.:** Softball 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Volleyball 9-12;  
**Blakop, Albert:** Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 9; SADD 12; Spanish Club 9, 12; Student Council 9-12; Suburban Roots 12;  
**Blissman, Jessica:** Cheerleading 9-12 (capt); Exchange 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Inland 11, 12; Journalism 10; Key Club 9-11; Peer At Resource 10; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Spanish Club 9-11; Who's Who 9-11.



**Bombardieri, Marcia:** GVC 9; Swimming 9; Trainers 9;  
**Bonhivert, Courtney:** French Club 9, 10; Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 9, 10; Orchestra 9-12;  
**Bong, Kera:** Freshman Girls Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10; Concert Choir 11, 12; Girls' Show 10; Key Club 10; Spanish Club 10; Track 9-12;  
**Booth, Emily:** GVC 9-12; HERO 12; Swimming 9-12;  
**Borman, Robert**



**Bosel, Timothy:** Basketball 9; HERO 12; Key Club 10, 11;  
**Boutan, Seth:** Concert Band 9, 10; Marching Band 11, 12; Pep Band 11, 12; German Club 10; Latin Club 9-12; Orchestra 9-11; Royal Regiment 11, 12; Soccer 9; Wrestling 9, 10; Musical Pit 9;  
**Bowen, Michael:** Concert Band 9; Japanese Club 9;  
**Boyer, Brandon**  
**Briggs, Katherine:** Jazz Band 10; Pep Band 10; Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 10; Concert Choir 11, 12; Girls' Show Choir 9-11; Colorguard 10-12; FCA 12; Key Club 9; Kivans 12; Latin Club 9-12 (incoming sec.); Orchestra 9-12; Royal Regiment 10-12; Therapists 9-12 (events coord., student dir.); Girl's State 11; All-State Choir 11, 12; Who's Who 12;



**Bretwieser, Erica:** Art Club 9-12; Spanish Club 10; Suburban Roots 11, 12; Swimming 9;  
**Bright, Courtney**  
**Bridale, Luke:** Concert Band 9-11; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 12; Royal Regiment 9-12; Ultimate Frisbee 12;  
**Brown, Jennifer:** Freshman Girls Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10; Concert Choir 11, 12; French Club 9, 10; German Club 11, 12; Chamber Orchestra 9, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Therapists 11, 12; Play Crew 9-12;  
**Brown, Brent:** Basketball 9; FCA 9-12; Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 10-12; Letterman's Club 10-12; Orchestra 9-12; Romanus 12; Soccer 9-12 (Capt); Track 9-11.



**Brown, Michael:** Basketball 11; SADD 11, 12;  
**Brown, Robert:** Auto Club 9-12; Mixed Choir 9-12; Football 9-12; Letterman's Club 9-12; Peer At Resource 9; Track 9-12; Wrestling 9-12;  
**Buchelt, Laura:** Girls' Basketball 10-12; Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 11; Mixed Choir 10; Concert Choir 12; FCA 9-12; Journalism 10; Girls' Soccer 10-12; Spanish Club 9-11;  
**Buckley, Brieger:** Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Treble 11; Mixed 10; Key Club 12; Spanish Club 9-11;  
**Burns, Matthew**





Burgess, Melissa: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 11, 12; Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 11; Mixed Choir 10; Concert Choir 12; Girls' Show Choir 11; Mixed Show Choir 12; Colorguard 9-12; GVC 9; Orchestra 9-12; Royal Regiment 9-12; Swimming 9 (manager); Marching 10-12  
Calfar, Ryan  
Camp, Nicholas: Soccer 9-12; Track 10-12  
Chant, Sara



Charizopoulos, Alexia: Concert Band 9-11; Marching Band 10, 11; Pep Band 9, 10; Colorguard 10, 11; Dance Team 9; German Club 9-12; Key Club 9-12; Royal Regiment 10, 11; SADD 12; Suburban Roots 11, 12; Tech Crew 10, 11  
Coe, Christopher: Mixed Choir 9, 12; Concert Choir 10-12; Japanese Club 9-11; SADD 11; Suburban Roots 12  
Collins, Andrew: Concert Band 9, 10; Chess Club 12; FCA 11; German Club 10; Spanish Club 9  
Conley, Douglas: Auto Club 9-12; Design Master 10, 11, 12; Football 9-11; Letterman's Club 9-12; Swimming 9, 10 (Manager)  
Conley, James



Copplager, Rock: Auto Club 9, 10; Design Master 9-12; Suburban Roots 11, 12  
Cornelius, Thomas: Cross Country 10; Design Master 10, 11, 12; Letterman's Club 10, 11; Track 9, 10, 11  
Conrad, Lauren: Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10, 11; Suburban Roots 11  
Cowan, Kelly: Freshman Band 9; Concert Band 10; Pep Band 10; Chess Club 12; German Club 9-12; Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 9, 10; Peer As Resource 11 (Mgr); Student Council 9, 11, 12; Suburban Roots 11; Tennis 10-12; Volleyball 9, 10



Cozart, Jeremy  
Crowley, Erin: German Club 9; Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 9-12; Treas 11; Orchestra 9-12; Student Council 9-12 (Treas. 9); Tennis 10-12  
Cary, Lisa: French Club 9; Key Club 11, 12 (Rep); Spanish Club 11, 12 (Sec); Suburban Roots 12 (Treas); Swimming 10  
Dauber, Jason: Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10, 11; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Basketball 9; Chess Club 12; Mixed Choir 9, 10; Concert Choir 11, 12; Mixed Show Choir 11, 12; French Club 11; Honor Society 11, 12; Latin Club 9, 10, 12; Orchestra 11, 12; Royal Regiment 9-12; Speech Team 12; Thespians 12; Track 9  
Davis, Eric: Mixed Choir 9, 12; Concert Choir 10-12; Mixed Show Choir 10-12; Japanese Club 9, 10, 12; Thespians 12



Devine, David: Mixed Choir 9; Concert Choir 10-12; Football 9; French Club 9-12; Suburban Roots 11, 12  
Dennis, Kayla  
Dennis, Lisa  
Derricksos, Raymond  
Devine, Kevin: Auto Club 12; Concert Band 10, 11; Track 9



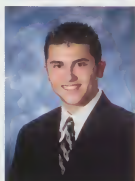
Dieterich, Lisa: Diving 9-11; French Club 9-11; GVC 9-12 (V. Pres); Gymnastics 9-12; Honor Society 11, 12; Kwanzaa 12; Track 9-12; Volleyball 9, 10, 12  
Dickelmann, John: German Club 9-12; Honor Society 11, 12; Jazz Band 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic 10-12; Orchestra 9-12; Royal Regiment 9-12  
Dille, Crystal: Softball 9-12; Spanish Club 9; Volleyball 9  
Dluginski, Michael  
Duffin, Nicholas



**Duffin, Steven**  
 Dominguez, Verónica: Escalibur 1  
 Spanish Club 9, 10; Tennis 9-12  
 Draga, Colleen: Chess Club 12 (founder),  
 Encore Theater Company 11, 12; French Club  
 9-12; Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 9-11,  
 Math Club 12; Suburban Route 11; Tennis 9-  
 12; Woodfall 11  
 Druk, Rachelle  
 Dukleski, Daniela



**Dukleski, Bogoya**  
 Duruchko, Karli GVC 12, HERO 12; Spanish  
 Club 9; Swimming 9-12; Volleyball 9  
 Early, Brent  
 Easton, Aubrey: Spanish Club 10  
 Easton, Kenneth: Basketball 9; Chess Club  
 12; Concert Band 12; Concert Choir 12;  
 Mixed Choir 9-12; Mixed Show Choir 9-12;  
 Krownsman 12; Latin Club 9-12; Speech Team  
 11, 12; Theraput 10-12



**Eich, Kandice**  
 Ellis, Laura  
 Enders, Amy: Freshman Band 9; Pit  
 Orchestra 10; Pep Band 9; Symphonic Band  
 10-12; FCA 9-12 (Co-Leader 12); French  
 Club 10-12 (Treas. 11, Pres. 12); German Club  
 9-11 (V.P.); Honor Society 11, 12 (Dir of lead  
 eds); Key Club 9-12 (Sec); Rotarian 12;  
 Softball 9, 10; Student Council 9-12;  
 Volleyball 9, 10; Student Leadership  
 Committee 12  
 Erickson, Elizabeth: Concert Band 10;  
 Marching Band 10-12; Freshman Girls' Choir  
 9; Treble Choir 11; Mixed Choir 10; Concert  
 Choir 12; Girls Show 9-11; Colorguard 10-12  
 (Co-Capt.); FCA 9, 12; German Club 9-11;  
 Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 9; Royal  
 Regiment 10-12; Track 9-12; Volleyball 9  
 Escote, Tanya



**Evans, Nathan**: Marching Band 9, 10; Track  
 9; Wrestling 9  
 Falkenberg, Wendy: French Club 11, 12;  
 Key Club 12; Spanish Club 9, 10  
 Farnsworth, Tracy: Freshman Girls' Choir 9;  
 Treble Choir 10; Concert Choir 11, 12; Girls  
 Show Choir 9-11; Mixed Show Choir 12;  
 French Club 9-12; Honor Society 11, 12; Key  
 Club 9, 10; Tennis 9, 10; Theraput 12  
 Faulk, Carl: Baseball 9-11; Football 9-12  
 Flanes, Michael: Concert Band 9, 11,  
 Marching Band 9; Pep Band 9; Suburban  
 Route 11, 12



**Fletcher, Jordan**: Design Master 9, 11, 12  
 Fleming, Mark: Basketball 9, 10  
 Fodemski, Jarrod  
 Foresy, Heather: Basketball 9; French Club  
 11; GVC 10, 11; HERO 12; Peer As Resource  
 11; Track 9-11  
 Forsythe, Daniel



**Frank, Kristina**: Escalibur 12 (Design Editor  
 & Business Manager); Jelling 10-12;  
 Journalism 9-12; Key Club 9-12; Quill and  
 Scroll 11, 12 (Sec); Spanish Club 9, 10;  
 Student Council 9  
 Frankovich, Jennifer: Marching Band 10;  
 Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 11, 12;  
 Mixed Choir 10; Colorguard 10; FCA 11;  
 Japanese Club 11; Royal Regiment 10;  
 Showtime 11, 12  
 Fredericks, Laura: Concert Band 10;  
 Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 11, 12;  
 Mixed Choir 10  
 Fricke, Kelly: Baseball 9-12; Football 9-12;  
 Letterman's Club 10-12  
 Fricke, Rene: Key Club 9; Spanish Club 9;  
 Bowling 10-12





# Coach enforces locker room rules

Before the home basketball game against Michigan City, Josh Goeringer (12) and Dale Packard (12) practice a few moves in the locker room. The boys put on a show for photographer Amanda Auron (11) when she walked into the locker room prior to the game. Coach Tom Johnson told Auron it was against the rules and it interfered with the boys mental preparation for the game. photo by Amanda Auron



## Best Administrator Traits



## What did you think about the new administration?



**liz**

"I thought that the administration did a fairly good job. I don't think they should have cut down on time periods that food and candy were sold. Some kids had very late lunches plus after school activities," said Liz Lewis (12). photo by Titik



**matt**

"All the new principals brought upon many new changes that students were never accustomed too. I believed it would take a while for everyone to get used to all the new rules," said Matt Ruble (12). photo by Maritza Mola



**allison**

"I thought that the new administration got their points across very well. However I think that some of their standards were too harsh, and I had hoped for a more relaxed senior year," said Allison Bishop (12). photo by R. Overbeek

**Front, Kristin:** FCA 9; Honor Society 11-12;  
Key Club 9-12; Pres.; Latin Club 9-12;  
(Pres.); Orchestra 9-12; Softball 9-10; Student  
Council 9-10;  
**Garrett, Michael:** Mixed Choir 11-12;  
Journalism 12; Showzone 12;  
**Gagan, Melissa:** HERO 12 (Historian);  
Journalism 9; Spanish Club 9-12;  
**Garcia, Gabriela:** Chess Club 12; French  
Club 9-12; Homecoming Court 10; Peer As  
Resource 12 (V-Pres.); Students Council 10-  
11; Divang Team 9;  
**Gerlacher, Joseph**



**Glenon, Kyle:** Auto Club 10-12; Football 9;  
Track 9-10;  
**Goring, Joshua:** Basketball 9-12;  
Rotarian 12;  
**Gomettag, Natalie**  
**Gondek, Kristin:** Key Club 12; Orchestra 9-  
12; Softball 9; Spanish Club 10-12 (Pres.);  
**Gora, Kara:** Chess Club 12; Homecoming  
Court 10; 12; Key Club 12-12; Orchestra 9;  
**Kovats 12; Soccer 9-11; Spanish Club 9-  
10; Student Council 9-12 (Sec.); Suburban  
Rocks 10-12; Swimming 12; Prom Queen  
12**



**Grenki, Marina**  
**Grop, Thomas**  
**Grych, Kyle:** Design Masters 9-12;  
**Guard, Jennifer:** Freshman Girls' Choir 9;  
Tribble Choir 11; Mixed Choir 10; Concert  
Choir 12; Honor Society 11-12;  
**Gursky, Stephanie:** Freshman Girls' Choir 9;  
Tribble Choir 11; 12; Mixed Choir 10; Concert  
Choir 12



**Hack, Lauren:** Freshman Girls' Choir 9;  
Tribble Choir 12; Mixed Choir 10, 11; FCA  
12; Journalism 9; Key Club 12; Spanish Club  
9, 10;  
**Hagarboone, William:** Baseball 9; Basketball  
9; French Club 11, 12; Spanish Club 9, 10;  
**Hagberg, Lauren:** Excelsior 11; HERO 12  
(Pres.); Journalism 11; Orchestra 9, 10;  
Spanish Club 9;  
**Hamilton, Steven:** Concert Band 10; Jazz  
Band 9; Prep Band 9; Symphonic Band 11, 12;  
Crom County 9, 10, 12; FCA 9, 10;  
Lentman's Club 11, 12; Rotarian 12;  
Student Council 10-12; Track 9-11; Student  
Leadership Committee 12; Boys' State 12;  
**Hammond, Jessica:** Concert Band 9, 11;  
French Club 9



**Harty, Alexander J**  
**Harvey, Amanda**  
**Hendley, Gregory**  
**Hembree, Amanda:** Soccer 9; Spanish Club  
9, 10; Swimming 9 (Mgr); Student  
Leadership Committee 12;  
**Hershan, Janet:** Basketball 9-12; Chess  
Club 12; GVC 10-12; Key Club 9-12;  
**Kovats 12; Latin Club 9-11; Showzone 12;  
Student Council 11, 12; Suburban Rocks 11,  
12; Volleyball 9-12**



**Hernick, Dana:** Concert Band 9; French  
Club 9-11; GVC 9-11; Swimming 9-11;  
Volleyball 9;  
**Hicks, David A**  
**Hilbeck, Jessica:** Cheerleading 9, 12;  
**Hudowicz, Christine:** Basketball 10, 11;  
German Club 9-11; Key Club 11; Student  
Council 10;  
**Hurling, Tahiti:** French Club 9





**Howe, John:** Marching Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, Symphonic Band 10-12, German Club 10-12; Key Club 12, Math Club 10-12, Royal Regiment 9-12  
**Huber, David:** Concert Band 10, Marching Band 10-12, Jazz Band 10, Symphonic Band 11, 12, German Club 9-12, Honor Society 12, Letterman's Club 10, Royal Regiment 10-12, Swimming 10  
**Hubinger, Daniel:** Basketball 9-10  
**Hughes, Jenny:** Cheerleading 10, Freshman Girls' Choir 9, Treble 11, Mixed Choir 10, Concert Choir 12, Spanish Club 9-11  
**Hupke, Christa:** 4-H Judging Team



**Hurtado, Boyd**  
**Huff, Christina:** Concert Band 10-12, Marching Band 9-11, Pep Band 9  
**Ivey, Collette:** Marching Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, Symphonic Band 10-12, Freshman Girls' Choir 9, Mixed Choir 10, PCA 11, Key Club 9-12, Latin Club 9, Orchestra 11, 12, Royal Regiment 9-12  
**James, Emily**  
**James, Heather**



**Jamison, Michael:** Concert Band 9-11, Jazz Band 10, Pep Band 9  
**Jamison, Nathan:** Freshman Girls' Choir 9, Mixed Choir 10, German Club 9-11; GVC 9-12, HERO 12, Key Club 9  
**Jaschinski, Colin**  
**Jasie, Vera**  
**Johanson, Elizabeth:** PCA 11, 12; GVC 10, Key Club 9, Swimming 9-12



**Kaminski, Gregory:** Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9, Spanish Club 9  
**Kasimchuk, Steven**  
**Kavalunas, Matthew:** Hockey 9-11  
**Kellett, Matthew**  
**Kerppinger, David:** Baseball 9-12; Letterman's Club 11, 12



**Ketcher, Amanda:** PCA 11, 12, GVC 9-12; Orchestra 9-12, SADD 11, 12, Swimming 9-12  
**Key, Kaitiana:** HERO 12, Student Council 12  
**Khalid, Aana:** Academic Team 9, French Club 9-12, GVC 11, Honor Society 11, 12; Inklings 9-12 (Editor in Chief), Key Club 9-12 (VP 10-12), Quill and Scroll 11, 12 (Pres 12); Rotarian 12, Showtime 12, Speech Team 9-12, Tennis 9-12, Valedictorian 12, Volleyball 9  
**Klausning, Tiffany**  
**Klein, Kevin:** Chess Club 12, Cross Country 10-12, PCA 11, 12, German Club 9, 10; Letterman's Club 10-12, SADD 12, Swimming 10, 12, Track 9-12



**Kleppeck, Kaitiana:** Escalante 11, French Club 9-12, Homecoming Court 9, 10; Honor Society 11, 12, Key Club 11, 12; SADD 12; Student Council 11, 12, Tennis 10-12; Track 9, Volleyball 9-12 (Capt)  
**Kline, Ryan:** Golf 10-12, Japanese Club 9, Letterman's Club 12  
**Knapp, Eric:** Baseball 9, Design Master 9-12  
**Knoop, Lisa:** Marching Band 9, 10, Freshman Girls' Choir 9, Mixed Choir 10, Colorguard 9, 10, Escalante 11, HERO 12  
**Kaustien, Kyle:** Basketball 9, Cross Country 9-11, Letterman's Club 9-12 (Pres); Rotarian 12, Spanish Club 9-11, Track 9-12 (Capt), Prom King 12



**D**uring her fourth hour art class, Kasia Nurek applies the magna on the piece she is working on. Nurek put many hours into her art during school and her free time. Nurek planned to major in art and hoped to acquire a career in art. photo by Tiliak

what  
she  
does

"In my junior and senior years, I received thirteen awards in the four annual art shows that Crown Point High School participated in."

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## Nurek steps out of 'box' into own world

**O**riginally born and raised in Poland before making her cross Atlantic voyage to the United States, Kasia Nurek remembered many things about the place she once called home. "Everything was going bad, especially the economy. We knew some family from this region and decided to move out here," she explained.

Not only did Nurek find a home in Winfield, Indiana, she also found comfort in her creative world of art. Nurek always loved to paint. Not only did she paint for fun, but her talent and "personal style" earned her several awards. When she was a sophomore, Kasia received her most memorable award from an art show at Valparaiso University, where she won the "Student Choice Best of Show Award" for her piece called "Dance of the Soul." Her favorite painting that she worked on was called "Coffee Shop." "I was inspired to paint the piece after I walked into a coffee shop in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The inside was a complete stereotype of a coffee shop: the jazz music, the couples holding hands, and the aroma of coffee. On the plane on the way home I sketched it out, and when I got back to Indiana, I decided to do a large piece on it," said Nurek. She spent at least 5 hours a week painting in her free time afterschool. She planned to attend Indianapolis University and major in art. -Dale Packard and Jessica Koscielniak





**Kaeli, Jamie**

Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Tumble Choir 11; Mixed Choir 10; Concert Choir 12; Girls' Show Choir 10, 11; Mixed Show Choir 12; Colorguard 9; Dance Team 10-12; GVC 10-12; Kwanzaa 12; Softball 9; Spanish Club 9-12.

**Kawert, Bryan**

Auto Club 12; Concert Band 9, 10; Marching Band 9, 10; Prep Band 10; Chess Club 12; Design Master 10-12; French Club 9-11; Letterman's Club 10-12; Royal Regiment 9, 10; Track 9-12.

Krawa, Lindsey: Cheerleading 9-12; Gymnastics 10; Kwanzaa 12; Peer As Response 12; Prom Court 12.

**Krause, Nicole**

Kristoff, Nicholas: Basketball 9-11; Lambert, Jeffrey: Freshman Band 9; Marching Band 9-12 (Capt.); Jazz Band 10-12; Prep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; German Club 9-12 (Pres.); Royal Regiment 9-12 (Capt.); Track 9.

Langel, Megan: Marching Band 9, 10; Colorguard 9, 10; Royal Regiment 9, 10; French Club 9-11; Journalism 10; Orchestra 9-11; Showtime 11, 12.

Langs, Shane: Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Tumble Choir 11; Mixed Choir 10, 12; Girls' Show Choir 10, 11; Mixed Show 12.



Lankford, Sarah: Symphonic Band 10-12; Larson, Katie: Escalade 11; French Club 9-11; Homecoming Court 11, 12; Key Club 10-12; Peer As Response 12; SADD 11, 12; Student Council 10-12 (vice pres.); Volleyball 9, 10; Prom Court 12.

Larson, James: Mixed Choir 9-12; Concert Choir 12; French Club 9-12; Cuco Networking 11, 12; Orchestra 9-12.

LaMere, Michael: Auto Club 12; Football 9, 10, 12; Homecoming Court 12.

Lemon, Jamie: Spanish Club 9; Student Council 9, 10.



Leonard, Elizabeth: Basketball 9; GVC 11, 12; Key Club 12; Softball 9-12; Spanish Club 9, 12.

Lewis, Elizabeth: Concert Band 10, 11; Prep Band 9; Symphonic Band 12; Cross Country 9-12; FCA 12; French Club 9-11; GVC 9-12; Key Club 11, 12; SADD 11, 12; Student Council 12; Swimming 10, 12; Therapists 12; Track 9, 10.

Lewis, Rachel: Symphonic Band 9-11; German Club 9-11; HERO 12; Orchestra 9-11; Link, Carly: Basketball 9; Chess Club 12; French Club 9-11; GVC 9-11; Homecoming Court 12; Journalism 11; Key Club 9-12.

Orchestra 9, 10; SADD 11, 12; Soccer 9-11; Student Council 9-12; Suburban Roots 11, 12; Tennis 9; Track 12.

Long, Kyle: Baseball 9-12; Indings 10-12; Journalism 9; Latin Club 10-12; Letterman's Club 11, 12; Peer As Response 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Suburban Roots 11, 12.



Lauder, Heather: Lukes, Tina: Machala, Douglas: HERO 11, 12.

Machowicz, Melissa: French Club 9-11; GVC 10, 11; Gymnastics 9-11 (Capt.); HERO 12; Key Club 9; Softball 9-11 (Capt.); Mueggen, Todd: Mixed Choir 9, 10.



Mall, Sidra: German Club 9-12; Key Club 9-12; Showtime 12; Student Council 11; Tennis 9-11.

Malloy, Brittany L.: French Club 9; HERO 12.

Mandulis, Steven: Mandley, Ryan: Basketball 9, 10; Chess Club 12.

Mann, Ashley: Escalade 10, 11 (Club Editor 11); French Club 9-11; HERO 12 (Treasurer); Honor Society 12; Key Club 9-12 (Scribbler 11).

# Marlow, Dana

Marsh, Amy: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; French Club 9; Key Club 9; Royal Regiment 9-12;  
Martin, Bryan: Concert Band 10; Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 11; Pep Band 9-10; Symphonic Band 11; Design Master 10-12; Speech Team 12

# Mathers, Tristan

Mauere, Laura: Concert Band 9-10; Symphonic Band 10; Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 10; Mixed Choir 11; PCA 9-10; HERO 12; Key Club 10; Orchestra 10; Soccer 9-11; Spanish Club 9.



McDaniel, Sean: Auto Club 12; Cross Country 9-12; Honor Society 11, 12; Japanese Club 9-10; Kovans 12; Letterman's Club 10-12; Track 9-12; Wrestling 9-12  
McDermott, Megan: Key Club 10; McDermott, Shane: Spanish Club 9  
McGraw, Shante: McInerney, Patrick: Football 12; French Club 9-10; Swimming 9  
McVey, Kyle: Basketball 11-12; Letterman's Club 11, 12



# McKown, Adam

McMahon, Kelly: Treble Choir 11; Mixed Choir 10; Concert Choir 12; Homecoming Court 9-12; Spanish Club 9-10; Student Council 9-11; Prom Court 12  
Means, Joshua: Spanish Club 9; Suburban Roots 11; Wrestling 9  
Melson, Matthew: Letterman's Club 9-10; Showtime 11, 12; Swimming 9-11  
Merrill, Mychelle



# Meyer, Collin

Michals, Justin  
Miller, John: Art Club 9-12; Japanese Club 9-11; Suburban Roots 10-12; Therapsan 10-12  
Miller, Richard  
Miller, Stephen



Mills, Jeffrey: Basketball 9-12; Basketball 9; Letterman's Club 11, 12



Mitani, Kara: Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 10-11; Mixed Choir 10; Windfall 9-10  
Moss, Jennifer  
Mumper, Michael: Auto Club 12; Football 12



Morfin, Shannon: Chess Club 12; GVC 9-12; Gymnastics 9; Homecoming Court 9-12; Princess 10; Queen 12; Key Club 9-12; Kovans 12; SADD 11; Soccer 9-12; Captain 12; Spanish Club 9-10; Treasurer 9; Student Council 9-12; Class President 9-11; Student Council President 12; Therapsan 12; Track 9  
Mota, Marissa: Marching Band 10-12; Colorguard 10-12; Excubitor 12 (Academic Editor 12); German Club 9-11; Inklings 10-12; Associate Editor 12; Journalism 9-12; Key Club 9-11; Quill & Scroll 11, 12; Vice President 12; Royal Regiment 10-12  
Mullers, Patrick  
Mullers, Patrick: Football 9-11; Letterman's Club 11  
Myers, Bradley: Suburban Roots 11; Windfall 11  
Myers, Samantha





Myers, Sarah: Basketball 9-11, Freshman Girls' Choir 9, Cross Country 9-12, PCA 10, 12, GVC 9-12, Honor Society 11, 12, SADD 12, Track 9-12, French Club 9, Youth, Eric: Concert Band 9-11, Marching Band 9-12, Symphonic Band 12, Royal Regiment 9-12, Showtime 11, 12, Spanish Club 11, Pep Band 9-12, Nelson, Jeffrey: Japanese Club 9, 10, Nelson, Paul  
Nemeth, Jeremy: Concert Band 9-11, Cross Country 9, Wrestling 9



Netherton, Julie  
Nolan, Jason  
Narek, Kaitie: Art Club 9-12  
Nyrensis, Nick: Concert Band 9, 10, Jazz Band 10, Pep Band 9, 10, Chess Club 12, PCA 9, 10, French Club 11, Letterman's Club 11, 12, Spanish Club 9, 10, Track 10-12, Rotary Youth Leadership Award 11  
Nyles, Katie



Oberman, Anthony  
Oliphant, Mandy: HERO 12  
Oliver, Richard: Basketball 9-12/Capt 12, Football 9, Soccer 10, Spanish Club 9, 10, Olson, Douglas: Kiwaniss 12, Letterman's Club 11, 12, Wrestling 9, 11, 12  
O'Quinn, Christopher



O'Quinn, Eric  
Orzechowski, Ryan: Chess Club 12, Football 9-11, Kiwaniss 12, Letterman's Club 9-12, Track 10-12/Captain 12, Diving 9-12/Captain 12  
Packard, Dale: Basketball 9-12, Escalibur 12, Football 9-12, Homecoming Court 12, Letterman's Club 10-12, SADD 11, Track 11  
Palancy, Jillian: Honor Society 11, 12, Chamber Orchestra 11, Orchestra 9-12, Spanish Club 9  
Pascini, Aimee: Freshman Girls' Choir 9, Treble Choir 11, Mixed Choir 10, Inskings 10-12, Managing Editor, Journalism 10-12, Quill & Scroll 11, 12, Showtime 11, 12, Spanish Club 9, 10, Thompson 11, 12, ETC 11, 12, Key Club 9  
Pauzias, Barbara: HERO 12 (President), Homecoming Court 9, Spanish Club  
Payk, Matthew: Soccer 9-12/Capt 12  
Petrait, Jason  
Phelan, Jacqylin: Spanish 9  
Phillips, Jeffrey: Japanese Club 9, 10



Pauzias, Barbara: HERO 12 (President), Homecoming Court 9, Spanish Club  
Payk, Matthew: Soccer 9-12/Capt 12  
Petrait, Jason  
Phelan, Jacqylin: Spanish 9  
Phillips, Jeffrey: Japanese Club 9, 10



Platts, Jennifer: Auto Club 12  
Plesner, Ashley: Basketball 9-12, GVC 10-12, Honor Society 12 (Director of Leadership), Key Club 11, Kiwaniss 12, Spanish Club 10, 11, Student Council 10-12, Track 9, Volleyball 9-12, Marine Biology 11, 12  
Powell, Jason: Auto Club 11, 12  
Preuss, Matthew  
Pruski, Anthony: Auto Club 10-12



**Petz, Jordan** Basketball 9, 10; HERO 12; Spanish Club 9, 10  
**Pyle, Sarah** Concert Band 9, 10; FCA 9, 10; GVC 10-12; HERO 12; Soccer 12; Manager of the Men's Team; Spanish Club 9-11; Trainers 10; Wrestling 9 (Manager of the Freshman Team)  
**Quering, Dustin**  
**Rasberry, Tiffany**  
**Rashin, Emily** Cheerleading 9-12;  
**Freshman Girls' Choir** 9; **Treble Choir** 11, 12; **Mixed Choir** 10



**Rattray, Joshua** Basketball 9-12; Inklings 11, 12; Journalism 10; Keweenaw 12;  
**Lettermen's Club** 11, 12; **Quilt & Sew** 11, 12;  
**Tennis** 9-12 (Captain 12)  
**Rediger, Kelly** GVC 9-12; SADD 11;  
**Spanish Club** 9; **Swimming** 9; **Track** 9-12;  
**Volleyball** 9  
**Reed, Adam** Football 12  
**Remlinger, Lisa** French Club 9, 10; Key Club 9; Orchestra 9-11; Suburban Route 12; Track 10  
**Reudina, Philip** Concert Band 9, 10; Baseball 9-12; Honor Society 11, 12; Rotarians 12; Showtime 11, 12



**Rettke, Christopher**

**Reys, Yvonne**  
**Reynolds, Blake** Auto Club 10-12  
**Riley, Chelsea**  
**Rivers, Anthony** Auto Club 12; Basketball 9; Chess Club 12; Cross Country 10-12; Captain 12; Lettermen's Club 9-12; Track 9-12 (Captain 12)



**Robbins, Ashleigh** Freshman Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 10; Concert Choir 11, 12; Girls' Show Choir 9, 10; Mixed Show Choir 11, 12; French Club 9-12; Key Club 9, 10; Rotarians 12; Showtime 11, 12; Student Council 9-12; Therapists 11, 12  
**Roccaforte, Michael** Hockey 10-12  
**Rugala, Adam**  
**Rowan, Tiffany**  
**Ruble, Matthew** Japanese Club 9-11; Lettermen's Club 9-12; Swimming 9, 10



**Russell, Daniel**  
**Russell, Kristine**  
**Sajdera, Nathaniel** Concert Band 9-11; Marching Band 9, 10; Symphonic Band 12; German Club 9  
**Smikowski, Kelly** Freshman Band 9; Symphonic 10-12; Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 9-12; Keweenaw 12; Latin Club 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Softball 9-12; Youth and Government 11, 12  
**Sauerman, Richard** FCA 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 10-12; Latin Club 11; Orchestra 9-12; Student Council 12; Boys' State 11



**Seegs, Dustin** Design Master 11, 12  
**Schaefema, Jennifer**  
**Schaeffer, Heather-Ann** Academic; Decathlon 11; Concert Band 9, 10; Drama 9, 10, 11, 12; German Club 9, 10; Jazz Band 9, 10; Marching Band 10, 11; Pep Band 9; Suburban Route 12; Track 9; VICA 10; Windfall 10, 11, 12 (Editor in Chief); Writer's Guild 11  
**Schatzman, Gregory** Cross Country 9, 10, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Japanese Club 9, 10; Math Club 12; Track 10; Ultimate Frisbee 10-12  
**Schells, Steven** Auto Club 9-12; Cheerleading 11; Chess Club 12; Mixed Choir 9-11; Concert Choir 12; FCA 9-12; Gymnastics 12; Swimming 9



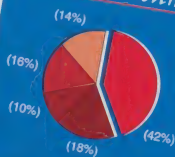


# Senior keeps rhythm at concert

Playing the drums at the Christmas concert, John Diekelmann keeps the beat as the treble choir's soloist sings "All I Want for Christmas is You." Diekelmann began playing music when he was only 4 years old and planned to make it part of his life. "I wanted to go on to play drums in college, but I didn't plan on pursuing it as a career or anything." photo by R. Overbeeke



## Most Meaningful Songs



- Space Between
- Hero
- Here's to the Night
- Peaceful World
- What's Going On

## Which songs best reflected the senior mood?



emily

"I thought it was just too hard to choose one

song that reflected the mood of the year; basically because the mood drastically changed many times throughout the year. Plus there were so many good songs to choose from." -Emily James (12) photo by

Mantza Moti



veronica

"Simple Minds, 'Don't You Forget About Me' made me think

about all the memories in high school with my friends. I would never forget the good times throughout my high school experiences." -Veronica Dominguez (12) photo by T. Dill

photo by T. Dill



colleen

"Shania Twain's song, 'Man, I Feel Like A Woman' best

reflected the year because it was our senior year and we just wanted to be crazy and have fun." -Colleen Drasca (12) photo by Jessica Koscielniak

photo by Jessica Koscielniak

Scherer, Heidi: Concert Band 9,10; Key Club 9; Spanish Club 9,10;  
Schilling, Carly: Basketball 9; GVC 10-12;  
Japanese Club 9; Track 9-12  
Schmeler, Shanna: Concert Band 9;  
Symphonic Band 10-12; PCA 9-12; GVC  
10-12; Honor Society 11,12; Latin Club 9-11;  
Soccer 9-12; Capt. 12; Design Masters  
12  
Schmidt, Paul: Football 9-11; German Club  
9-11; Letterman's Club 9-12; Secretary;  
Rotarians 12; Student Council 12;  
Swimming 9-12; Track 10-12  
Schott, Danielle: Evaluator 11; Honor  
Society 11,12; Key Club 10-12; Orchestra  
9,10; Spanish Club 9-12; Student Council  
9.



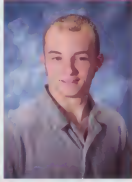
Schultz, Eric: Homecoming Court 12;  
Basketball 9,10; Football 9-12; Letterman's  
Club 10-12; Track 11; Wrestling 9-12  
Seleksi, Christopher: Basketball 9-12;  
Basketball 9; German Club 9-11;  
Letterman's Club 11,12; Peer As Resource  
10-12; President 11,12; Soccer 9-12; Captain  
12; Student Council 9-12; Suburban Roots  
11,12  
Siedre, Kevin: Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9,  
10; Football 9-12; Capt. 12; German Club 9-11;  
Homecoming Court 12; Letterman's Club  
9-12  
Siewecha, Brianey: HERO 12; Spanish Club  
9-11  
Shaw, Kathleen: Basketball 9; Freshman  
Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 11; Mixed Choir  
10; Concert Choir 12; Girls' Show Choir 9-11;  
Mixed Show Choir 12; Colorguard 11;  
Cross Country 9,10,12; French Club 9-12;  
GVC 9-12; Rotarians 12; Royal Regiment  
11; SADD 11,12; Student Council 11,12;  
Suburban Roots 10-12; Thespians 11,12;  
Track 9-12; ETC 10-12.



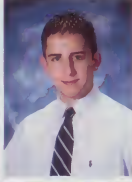
Simko, Ryan Michael: Auto Club 10;  
German Club 9-11; Honor Society 11,12;  
Tennis 10; Ultimate Frisbee 11,12;  
Skiswaps, Ellen: Honor Society 11,12;  
Latin Club 11; Orchestra 9,10  
Slama, Richard: Auto Club 11,12;  
Football 9  
Smith, Doug  
Smith, James: Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9,  
10; Design Master 10-12; Honor Society 11,  
12; Letterman's Club 11,12.



Smith, Rachel: Concert Band 10; Marching  
Band 9-12; Capt. 12; Pep Band 9,10;  
Symphonic Band 11,12; PCA 9-12; Co-  
Leader 12; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club  
9,10; Royal Regiment 9-12; Capt. 12;  
Valedictorian 12  
Smock, Veronica  
Solhany, Timothy: Auto Club 11  
Solomon, Valerie  
Southard, Allison: Treble Choir 10,11; Key  
Club 10.



Spindel, Angeli: Chess Club 12; French  
Club 10-12; Honor Society 11,12; Key  
Club 9-11; Peer As Resource 11; Student  
Council 12; Class Secretary 12; Suburban  
Roots 11; Volleyball 9; Windfall 11; Penn  
Court 12  
Spillers, Kayla Renee  
Spitzberger, Adam: Baseball 9  
Stanek, Michael: PCA 10-12; Co-Leader  
12; Honor Society 11,12; Japanese Club 9-11;  
Treasurer 9; Key Club 9-12; Rotarians  
12; Letterman's Club 9-12; Director of  
Recognition Programs; Orchestra 9-12;  
Rotarians 12; Student Council 10-12;  
Swimming 9-11; Chamber Orchestra 12;  
Boys State 12; Penn Court 12



Stojewski, Aleksander  
Stokowski, Brian: Football 9-12; German  
Club 11; Letterman's Club 9-12; Track 11  
12  
Sturall, James: Baseball 9,10; French Club  
9,10; Tennis 9,10  
Sturka, Michael: Auto Club 9-12; Chess  
Club 12; PCA 12; French Club 11; SADD  
12; Spanish Club 9,10  
Swan, Meredith: Concert Band 10; Pep  
Band 9,10; Symphonic Band 11; PCA 9;  
Golf 9-11; Key Club 9-12; Secretary 11;  
Latin Club 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Student  
Council 10.





Swanson, Amanda  
Swanson, Stephanie: Basketball 9, 10, 12;  
Chess Club 12; Showtime 11; Spanish Club  
9  
Sykes, Kimberly: French Club 9-11, Key  
Club 11-12; Orchestra 9-12  
Swanson, Jennifer: Orchestra 9-11  
Sulmanagh, Nolan: Concert Band 9, 10;  
Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12;  
Symphonic Band 11-12; Royal Regiment 9-  
12; Spanish Club 9



Thomas, Aaron  
Thomas, Susan: Colorguard 11, 12; German  
Club 11; Royal Regiment 11, 12; Spanish  
Club 9; Track 10, 11  
Thompson, John: Concert Band 9-11;  
Marching Band 9-11  
Thompson, Kelli: Spanish Club 9, 10  
Thornes, Kellie: French Club 9, 10; Golf  
9-12; GVC 8-11; Key Club 10; Peer as  
Reserve 11, 12; Rotarians 12  
Tonczak, Matthew: Design Master 10-12;  
Football 9-12; Lettman's Club 10-12;  
Track 12



Trajkovic, Simon: Baseball 9, 10; Peer as  
Reserve 9; SADD 12; Spanish Club 9  
Triplett, Carlissa: Basketball 9-12; Choir  
9, 10; Cross Country 10; GVC 11, 12;  
Volleyball 9  
Trump, Kelly: Marching Band 9-12;  
Symphonic Band 9-11, Colorguard 9-12  
(Captain 11, 12); FCA 12; Honor Society 11,  
12; (Director of Financial Affairs) 12;  
Kiwans 12; Royal Regiment 9-12;  
Spanish Club 9-11; Track 9-12; Basketball 9-  
12 (Capt 11)  
Turner, Michael: Basketball 9; Design  
Master 11, 12; Golf 10, 11; Tennis 9-12;  
Prom Court 12  
Unloch, Michael: German Club 11, 12



Van Senen, Kathleen: Freshman Band 9;  
Marching Band 9-11; Pep Band 9;  
Symphonic Band 10-12; Freshman Girls'  
Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10; HERO 12;  
Japanese Club 9, 10; Orchestra 10; Royal  
Regiment 9-11  
Vargas, Michael  
Vaughan, Douglas  
Veljanski, Sandy  
Vickers, Sarah: Concert Band 9, 10;  
Marching Band 9, 10; Cross Country 10-12;  
GVC 9-12; Honor Society 11, 12; Royal  
Regiment 9, 10; Spanish Club 9-11; Track  
9-12; Showtime 12



Vlahos, Paragita: Freshman Girls' Choir 9;  
HERO 12; Key Club 11; SADD 11, 12  
Voyles, Ryan: Mixed Choir 10-12; Concert  
Choir 12; FCA 10, 11  
Walters, Rachel: German Club 11, 12;  
Warneke, Holly: Dance Team 9-12 (Capt 12);  
Kiwans 12



Weber, Georgianne: Freshman Girls' Choir 9;  
Tittle Choir 11; Concert Choir 12; Cross  
Country 12; Key Club 11, 12; Showtime 12;  
Spanish Club 9-12; Theopians 11, 12  
Webster, Alexander: Basketball 9-12; GVC  
9-12; Honor Society 11, 12; Rotarians 12;  
Soccer 9-12; Track 9  
Weibel, Keri: Auto Club 12; German Club  
11; SADD 11; Track 12; Rifle Team 9  
Werners, Derek: German Club 11, 12; Honor  
Society 11, 12; Track 11, 12  
West, Jason: Cross Club 12; Suburban Racers  
12



# White, Justin

Williams, Trey: Concert Band 10, 11, Marching Band 9-12 (Section Capt. 12), Prep Band 9-11, Symphonic Band 12, Cross Country 12, FCA 9, 10, 12, French Club 9-11, Homecoming Court 11, Honor Society 11, 12, Inklings 10-12, Journalism 9, Key Club 10, 11, Letterman's Club 11, 12, Quill & Scroll 11, 12, Rotarians 12, Royal Regiment 9-12, Student Council 11, 12, Class Vice President 12, Thespians 12, Track 11, 12, Fall Play 11, 12, Willis, Garrett: Concert Band 9, 10, Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 10-12, Symphonic Band 11, 12, Design Master 9-12, Honor Society 11, 12, Japanese Club 9-12, Letterman's Club 9-12, Royal Regiment 9-12, Math Club 12, Swimming 9-11, Walsoughby, Jennifer: HERO 12, Jann Club 10, Showtime 11, Wilson, Ashley: Chorus Club 12, Treble Choir 11, Gymnastics 10, Key Club 10, Soccer 11, Spanish Club 10, Suburban Roots 11, Windfall 10.

Wilson, Ryan: Escalibur 12, Inklings 10-12, Journalism 9, Wirtz, Andrew: Concert Band 10, Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 10, 11, Pep Band 9-12, Mixed Choir 9, Concert Choir 10-12, Mixed Show Choir 9-12, Homecoming Court 10, Latin Club 9-11, Chamber Orchestra 9-12, Royal Regiment 9-12, Thespians 10-12, ETC 11, 12, Fall Play 9, 11, 12, Musical 9-12, Track 9, 10, Prom Court 12, Witt, Allison: French Club 9-10, Honor Society 11, Showtime 11, 12, Walt, Heidi: Wondley, Robert: Auto Club 9, Football 9-10, Letterman's Club 9, 10.

Wotherspoon, Kara: Concert Band 12, Freshman Girls' Choir 9, Treble Choir 11, Mixed Choir 10, Concert Choir 12, Girls' Show Choir 9, 10, Mixed Show Choir 12, Suburban Roots 11, 12, Thespians 12, Windfall 11, 12, Young, Ashley: HERO 12, Key Club 12, Spanish Club 9, Zacher, Timothy: FCA 11, Letterman's Club 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, Track 9, 10, Zaleski, Matthew: Design Master 9-12, Football 9-12, Letterman's Club 10-12, SADD 11, 12, Track 10, 11, Zeln, Paul: Spanish Club 9, Tennis 10.

Zanich, Rebecca: FCA 12, French Club 9-11, Key Club 11, 12, Showtime 11, 12, Volleyball 9, Zelms, Leonard: Zervos, Ryan: Design Master 11, 12, Football 9-12, Homecoming Court 9-11, Prom Court 12, Zona, Leslie: Concert Band 9-11, Marching Band 9-12, Pep Band 9, 10, Symphonic Band 12, Royal Regiment 9-12, Spanish Club 9-11, Zarnica, Jonathan: Auto Club 9-11, HERO 12.

Zych, Kristine: Freshman Girls' Choir 9, Treble Choir 12, Mixed Choir 10, 11, Concert Choir 12, Golf 9, Key Club 10, 12, Spanish Club 9, 10.



**B**ackstage in the auditorium, Cameron Smith prepares for his performance with his band, Point of Impact, at the Suburban Roots Band night. Smith began playing the guitar when he was nine years old, and joined Point of Impact his junior year when the band was formed. photo by Sarah Pasyk

# pursuing a musical

"Never give up.  
Never stop trying.  
Don't listen to what  
anyone says, if you  
love doing it, that's  
the only thing that  
matters. Practice  
makes perfect."

ream

## Smith creates original music

Looking back on high school, Senior Cameron Smith hoped to be remembered for his music. Smith played lead guitar in the band Point of Impact, a band that also included Tom Gorup (12) and alumni members Tim Fisher and Matt Pressler.

Reflecting on his musical past, Smith said, "I had played the guitar since I was nine years old. I always wanted to play a musical instrument and I was really interested in guitar, so I stayed with it." One unique aspect of Smith's talent was that he never recieved formal training. "I totally taught myself. I never took any lessons," he said.

Over the years, Smith's dedication payed off when he was offered the opportunity to play with Point of Impact. His band could often be found playing their New Metal tunes at Club-X in Lowell. "All of our music was original. We all wrote it together," he added.

As for fame and fortune, Smith thought that would have been nice but said, "I hoped to get a record deal someday, but I would be happy just playing locally in Chicago making only \$20 or \$30 grand a year...just enough to live on and have a nice apartment."

Smith said that in his heart, music is the thing he loves doing and nothing will stop him. "Never give up. Never stop trying. Don't listen to what anyone says; if you love doing it, that's the only thing that matters." -Ryan Wilson



While sitting on the stage and waiting for the "Oneighty" meeting to start, Stephanie Hardman (11) talks to her best friend. Hardman has been involved with the youth group "Oneighty" since the summer before her freshman year, which is when the group began at the Nice Church on Taft street in Merrillville.

# working to keep the

# aith

"My relationship with God has grown immensely. I have also learned how to serve my peers. The friendships established here (in the youth group) have been a great blessing and keep me accountable."- Stephanie Hardman



## Hardman grows closer to God

Since her Freshman year, Stephanie Hardman (11) has been involved in the youth group Oneighty. Oneighty actually stood for a one-hundred-eighty degree turn around. The 'one' stands for bringing one friend to Oneighty for an eight week period. "The person watches eight videos in all and completes eight outlines that help point out the important points. At the

end of the eight weeks, the participant takes an oath in front of the congregation stating he or she will abstain from drugs, alcohol, and premarital sex," Hardman explained.

However, Oneighty meetings did not consist only of watching videos and filling out worksheets. They included fun as well. "The teaching was great, the band was talented, and the pool tables, foosball, air-hockey, ping-pong table, video games, snack bar, and cafe added to the fellowship with other teens," said Hardman. From time to time, the group took trips to bowling alleys, went to the movies, and also gave back to the community. They even traveled to apartment buildings in Gary and Hammond to lend a helping hand to less fortunate people. Since joining, Hardman went through many experiences, learned lessons, and started friendships. "God, through the teaching and mentors I have received, continued to challenge me to pursue him with all of my heart, soul, and strength," she said. -Dan Ostrozovich



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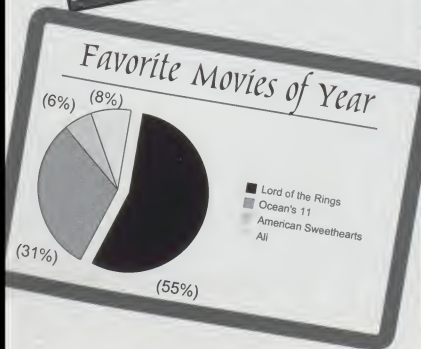
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# Advanced drama teaches concepts

In Mr. Kit Deganhart's advanced drama class, Pierce Overbeeke (11) and Bill Agans (11) perform a scene from Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* as a major project in the class. The two had to memorize their lines and exhibit the acting techniques taught in the class. Overbeeke played the part of Dr. Frankenstein, while Agans portrayed the monster. photo by Maritza Mota



## Why was Lord of the Rings your favorite movie?



jeff

"I had been waiting for it to come out because I loved the books and I like fantasy movies. I was unable to see it opening night, but when Gandalf fights the Balrog was my favorite part of the movie," said Jeff Beck (11). photo by R. Overbeeke



andy

"I had read the books several times and they were the best fantasy books I had ever read. A movie of them was just awesome. It was a visualization of what I had imagined," said Andy Taylor (11). photo by Dan Ostrovich



gabrielle

Lord of the Rings was my favorite movie because of the extensive scenery used, and also I felt the movie was a close portrayal to the books," said Gabrielle Fraire (11). photo by Dan Ostrovich

**A**fter school in Mr. Kelly Loving's science class, Max Roberts (11) works on a broken computer tower. Roberts spent many hours both in and out of school working on computers for both himself and the Audio Visual Department. photo by Dan Ostrozovich

# helping school with

internet



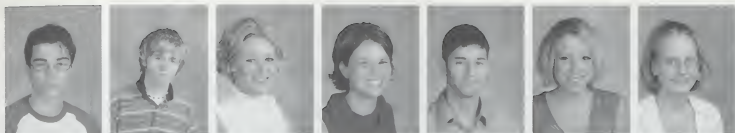
"I planned on going into the medical field, but I knew it was always good to have something to fall back on... like computers." -Max Roberts

## *Roberts works as technical support*

**A**t the end of the school day, Max Roberts often found himself in the school library working diligently to fix the many problems with the school's computers. Roberts started working on computers back in 6th grade when he began to learn the many different ways that they worked. Since then,

he had invested a lot of money and countless hours into his hobby. "I had spent around \$3,000 on hardware and software over the years," said Roberts.

Although he had taken a few computer classes, the majority of Roberts' computer know-how had been picked up by Roberts himself. A large part of his computer services were used in the school library both during the school day and at Safe Haven. In his second hour class Roberts acted as a library aid by monitoring the computers, fixing broken ones, and helping the Audio Visual Department. Safe Haven was a program offered by the school which enabled the public to use the internet. Roberts taught people who did not yet know how to use the internet. "I helped the members of the community on their computerized journey through the web," said Roberts. Roberts planned to attend Indiana University with the hopes of becoming a doctor and keeping computers as a hobby." -Dan Ostrozovich



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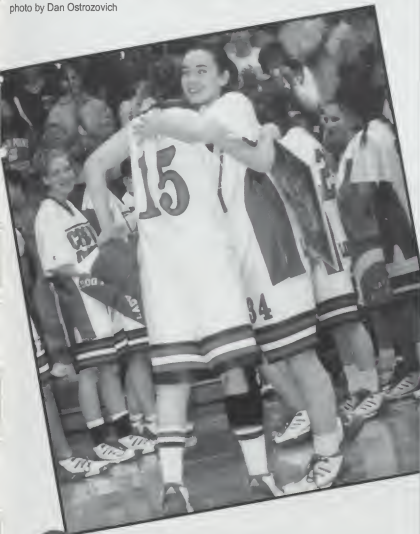




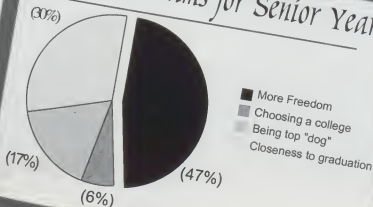
# Junior year builds anticipation

Giving Janel Heneghan (12) a hug at "Senior Night," Kathleen Fredericks thinks about playing basketball as a senior when the roles will be switched. "I looked forward to just knowing that others, like the freshmen, would look up to me and the senior class. Plus, my sister would be a freshman so I would get the chance to make fun of her being a freshman," said Fredericks.

photo by Dan Ostrozovich



## Biggest Dreams for Senior Year



What did you look forward to for your senior year?



katherine

"I looked forward to being closer to college, meeting

new people, and starting a new life of my own. I wanted to make my own rules and be able to do anything I wanted," said Katherine Damanskis (11) with Kelly Sapita (11). photo by Kristin Frank



danh

"I looked forward to the fact that there would be younger students

looking up to us because we would be smarter, cooler, and more attractive," said Danh Dinh (11). photo by Sarah Pasyk



caitlin

"I looked forward to having more freedom my senior

year, like being able to stay out later with my friends without my parents worrying would be nice," said Caitlin Lincourt (11). photo by Kristin Frank

**A**imee Cooper (11) takes care of her favorite horse, Bonnie. Bonnie was diabetic and had to have her medicine in the morning and at night so Cooper administered the medicine regularly. photo by Kristina Louttit

# Finding friendship and



ove

"I cared about the horses as much as my own family." - Aimee Cooper.

## *Cooper's life revolves around animals*

**F**or Aimee Cooper, a normal week day began with getting up and going to school, just like most other students. However, when she arrived home, Cooper began tending to her responsibilities: taking care of animals.

Cooper walked across the street from her house after school and on weekends to the Four Seasons Horse Stables. Working there since she was 10, Cooper took care of the horses and managed

the barn. In addition to that, Cooper also taught at horse and pony camps and showed draft horses during the summer. Her involvement and interest with horses first started when she was around the age of 9. "When I started my riding lessons, I thought I was so cool when I got on my horse. When I got on a horse I felt as if I had no worries in the world. It was the greatest feeling ever," explained Cooper.

Besides working with horses at the stables, Cooper also took care of animals at her own house. "I owned three rabbits, nine chickens, a hen, a dog, a cat, a horse (whose name is One-Eyed Jack), a pig, and two lambs," said Cooper. In the future, Cooper anticipated that the experience of taking care of the various animals would pay off. In college, Cooper hoped to pursue her interest in horses, and especially continue her work at the horse stables.

-Kristina Louttit



**We close ranks**



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Liscan, Elizabeth  
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Loosemore, Heather



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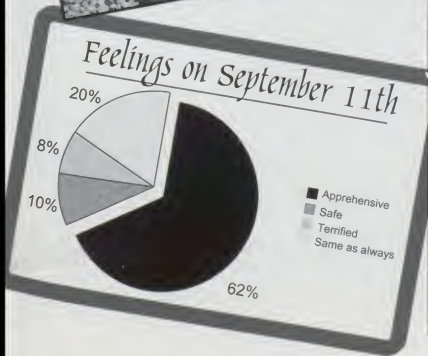
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# Bizarre news brings compassion

A few days after the September 11th tragedy Ben Landis (11) places ribbons on the front bushes of the school building. Every student had the opportunity to purchase a red, white, or blue ribbon and place it on a tree or bush in memory of those who died or were injured. The money raised from the event went to the victims' families in New York City. The bushes were covered in red, white, and blue. photo by Tilak



Where were you when you found out about September 11th?



**Amber**

"I was taking ISTEP when the incident occurred. Our teacher did not tell us what happened. I did not find out until 5th hour. I was really upset when I saw the plane crash into the North Tower," said Amber West (11). photo by Tilak



**Brian**

"I was in study hall when I found out about the attacks on the World Trade Center. I couldn't believe what was going on; it was like a movie," said Brian Sparks (11). photo by Maritza Mota



**Coriene**

"I had just gotten out of 2nd hour, and I overheard people talking about the attacks. When I reached my 3rd hour, my class went into Mrs. Pepa's room to watch the news. It was incredible," said Coriene Mauger. photo by R. Overbeeke

**W**orking with a machine in his machine shop class, Michael Revolt (11) grinds a tool. Ever since he was young, working with machinery, automobiles and other hands on tasks had been a natural talent for Revolt (11). photo by R. Overbeeke

# Driving along in his

# utomobile



"First, I thought about making it into a car like the Ghostbusters drove."

-Michael Revolt

## 1968 Hearse comes with casket

**D**riving around in a hearse might be a bit creepy for some people, but for Micheal Revolt, it was just a really cool car. "I have always been interested in cars," he said. He owned a total of seven different cars which he had fixed up along with his dad.

Revolt reported that he first became interested in cars at the age of 12 since his father owned a gas station and he grew up being around automobiles and engines. Through the years he began to collect cars along with this father as a hobby.

Out of Revolt's seven cars, each of which he has improved, he said the 1968 "Caddy Hearse," as he called it, remained his favorite because of its uniqueness. The car actually has a casket in the back. "I thought about what I could do with my '68 Caddy Hearse, and many ideas came to mind. First, I thought about making it into a car like the Ghostbusters drive. Then, I thought about a dragster. I finally just decided to trick it out. I got some custom made pipes, and put some neon on the side," he said.

Revolt also owned a '73 Caddy Eldorado, '52 Chevy, '95 Dually Chevy, '75 Monte Carlo, '80 Corvette and a 2002 Jaguar. After graduation he wanted to continue his work with cars. "Cars are my life. They keep me busy," he said. -Kristina Louttit





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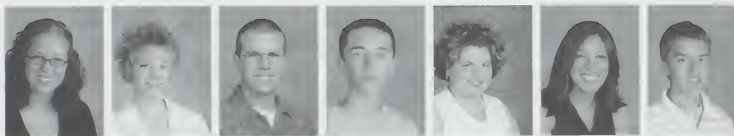


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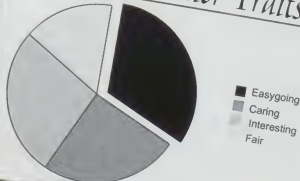


# Teacher instills life lessons

Loading the trunk of her van with Christmas presents, Mrs. Deb Ciochina (English) and Jose Desiderio (11) prepare to take the lot to St. Claire's Clinic. Each year, Mrs. Ciochina involved her classes in the Adopt a Family program in which students provided gifts for less fortunate children. The classes adopted three families last Christmas. photo by Sarah Pasyk



## Best Teacher Traits



What teacher impacted your life the most?



Erin

"Mr. (Brian) Trippeer (science) was the teacher that

impacted my life the most. At first he and I didn't get along, but after having him as a teacher I learned many things I will take with me all through my life," said Erin

Hostinsky (11) photo by Maritza Mota



David

"I think Mr. (Jerome) Flewelling (science) is the

teacher who has influenced me the most. This was his first year teaching, and he did a great job. He had a cool way of teaching that made me want to learn more," said David Mays (11). photo by Titak



Kendra

"Mr. (Mike) David (math), taught me not to be afraid to ask

questions, and that learning was supposed to be a fun experience that I should have been thankful for," said Kendra Rather (11). photo by Jessica Koscielniak

**T**aking a break from her job as a D.J. (disc jockey), Jenna Henderson (10) dances during her brother's wedding. Besides weddings, Henderson also worked at parties and school events. "Most of my favorite gigs belonged to my brothers and their friends. When I worked for them, they were always so happy and energetic," Henderson said.

# twistin' up the

"I felt that being a D.J. helped me to express myself, including the way I looked and acted."  
- Jenna Henderson

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## *Henderson spins her way into music*

**T**urning her hobby of listening to music into a profitable business, Jenna Henderson managed her own D.J. service which she called Foxy Entertainment. Henderson had over 25 gigs, most of which were teen parties or school events. "I did work for one wedding though; my brother's," she said. She usually charged around \$200 cash for each event.

Henderson said she was inspired to start the service by her mother. "The summer before going into my freshman year I was just sitting around watching television, and my mom brought up how Cassie Puzin needed someone to work as a D.J. for her surprise fourteenth birthday party. She thought I should do it. So I got the stuff, took some classes, and tried it out. It was so much fun, and from then on I kept doing it."

Henderson dressed like an entertainer as well. "I did my hair in different colors and styles, wore some odd clothes, and acted in my own ways. I didn't do that to be weird or crazy, but I did it to express myself," she said.

When asked about her future plans, Henderson said, "I would like to follow in my mother's footsteps in her computer business at RDS, Regional Data Services." -**Jessica Bixeman**





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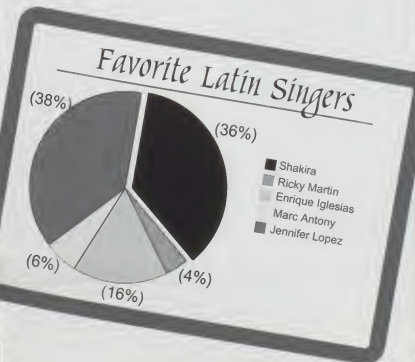
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Echterling, Jillian





# Latin music great for dancing

In the cafeteria, Mindy Zacher (10) teaches dance steps to future dance team members during Kiddie Camp. When the dance team attended a UDA (Universal Dance Association) camp of their own over the summer they learned a salsa routine to Latin singer Ricky Martin's song called "Loaded." Both the varsity and junior varsity teams won a first place rating. photo by Maritza Mota



## Who was your favorite Latin artist/musician?



**ashley**

"I really didn't have a favorite

Latin singer but I liked the fact that

their songs were usually good to dance to.

However, many of the songs were too much alike and got sort of annoying," said

Ashley Korzienewski (10). photo by Titak



**erin**

"My favorite

Latin singer was Shakira. I

thought her songs

were catchy, but they overplayed them. I

also liked Jennifer Lopez. She was a good role model to many young girls," said Erin

Mickey (10). photo by Brittany Jillson



**julie**

"I really didn't have a favorite

singer. I wasn't

too into the whole Latin craze," said Julie

Gettler (10). photo by Jessica Kosciniak

**L**uke Bapple gazes intently during a Suburban Roots meeting. The club met on the third floor of his parents' building. During meetings, all kinds of artwork was shared. photo by Kristin Frank

# absorbed in artistic

"I got to express myself, absorb the expressions of others, and meet people that I wouldn't have usually had the privilege to meet." - Luke Bapple

alent



## *Bapple makes a name for himself*

**W**hen the bell rang at the end of the school day, approximately 45% of students, depending on the season, rushed to after school practices. However, a few students chose to spend their free time involved in other activities. One of these students was sophomore Luke Bapple. Bapple, an

avid artist, was the president of Suburban Roots. Bapple said, "I organized events, helped get supplies, and I provided the venue for the weekly events." The meetings for the club were held at 101 North Main Street, in a building owned by Bapple's parents.

Bapple was a member of Suburban Roots since its formation in the year 2000. "I had always loved art, and when I heard from Mr. (Don) Bernacky (social studies) about an organization that would allow me to meet other artists and show my art, I was hooked," he said. "My favorite part about being in Suburban Roots was that I got to express myself, absorb the expressions of others, and meet people that I wouldn't have usually had the privilege to meet."

He hoped to enter a field involving computer art and comics. **-Jessica Bixeman**

Elam, David  
Emmons, Joshua  
Emory, Ryne





Enright, John  
Eriks, Andrew  
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Fastero, James  
Fernandez, Marisa  
Fetting, Angela



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Flores, Alex  
Fodemski, Angela  
Fogarty, Thomas  
Forsythe, Ryan



Frank, Lauren  
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Friant, Lisa  
Frost, Elizabeth  
Gable, Rachel  
Galouzis, Mary  
Ganza, Amanda



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Grise, Jeffery  
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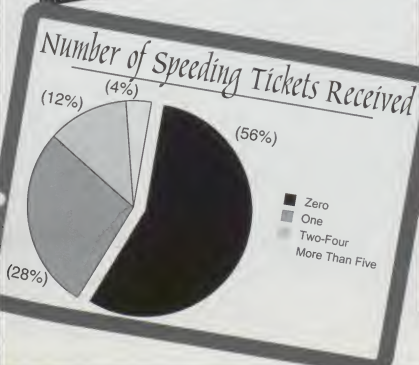
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# Bush jazzes up first automobile

Taking pride in owning his first car, a 1984 blue Buick, Corey Bush shows off all the work he has completed on it so far. Bush learned how to work on cars long before he ever received his drivers license. He added new chrome rims, tinted windows, and an exhaust system. He bought the car from his neighbor's mother-in-law. "I just started fixing it up," he said. photo by Jessica Koscielnia



## How many speeding tickets have you received so far?



aaron

"I haven't gotten any tickets yet. Most of my

friends hadn't either because they were really good drivers. However, about fifty percent of the sophomores that drove could stand to practice a little bit more on their driving skills," said Aaron Miller (10).

photo by Titak



pam

"Many teens raced the streets, and they really just didn't know how to drive. But by combining my skills and the fact that I had connections, I was never pulled over," said Pam Versnel (10).

photo by Dan Ostrozwich



james

"I had only been driving a couple weeks but I considered myself to be a good driver. By being patient and very cautious I avoided receiving a ticket," said James Fastero (10). photo by Titak

**D**aryl Packard (10) practices an inward dive pike after school in the pool. Packard won the Highland Invitational two years in a row, won at both the sectional and regional competitions, and also placed 14th at the State Finals. photo by Maritza Mota

# splashing into the world of



## iving

"My favorite part (of diving) was learning and perfecting new dives. "I started because I was getting tired of gymnastics and wanted to try something new. I love the water and heard of diving, so I tried it." - Daryl Packard.

### *A diving hobby turned into a serious sport*

**"I** started because I was getting tired of gymnastics and wanted to try something new. I love the the water and I heard of diving, so I tried it," said Daryl Packard (10). In seventh grade, diver Daryl Packard (10) made her 'splash' into the world of diving.

With eight years of gymnastics experience behind her, Packard began her diving career as an attempt to find an

innovative hobby, and said she heard about the sport from her friend Ryan Orzechowicz (12). "I started diving and in the process ended up "loving it." She also participated on the Indianapolis Stars, a diving team in juxtaposition with USA Diving, as a lone diver. Her diving achievements included winning the sectional and regional championships and cumulated in placing 14th in the State Finals her sophomore year. "I was very proud of myself. Taking close to last place my freshman (year); this was a major improvement," said Packard.

In the future, Packard's goals included beating her highest score and placing in the top eight at the state competitions. "I looked at it (the future) as, I could only improve," she concluded.. -Maritza Mota





Kvachoff, Mary  
Lakich, Peter  
Lambert, Daniel  
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Longfellow, Anthony  
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Lucas, Melissa  
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Olson, Katherine



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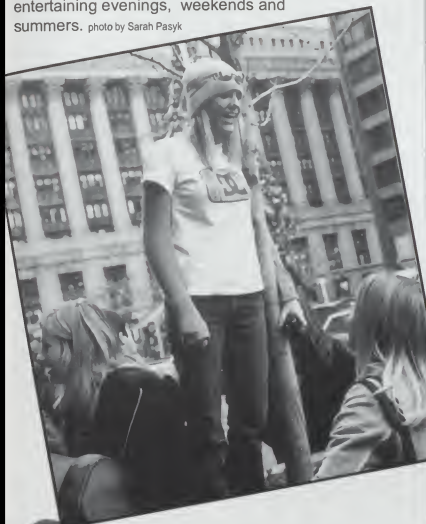
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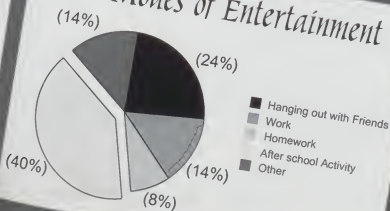


# Windy City provides entertainment

While visiting downtown Chicago, Ashley Davis (10) socializes in front of the Federal Reserve Bank. Having the Windy City located only 40 minutes away made it a convenient place to go for a good time. Navy Pier, Watertower Place, Wrigley Field, the Cheesecake Factory and the many theaters and arenas all provided entertaining evenings, weekends and summers. photo by Sarah Pasyk



## Best Modes of Entertainment



What was your most common form of entertainment?



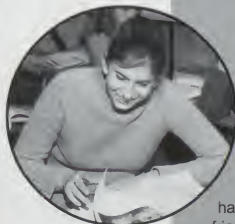
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"I really enjoyed music, and I especially liked to play my guitar. I spent a lot of my time just sitting around. Then on the weekends I hung out with my friends and played basketball," said Bret Sodo (10). photo by Jessica Koscielniak



jason

"I hung out with my friends most of the time. And I liked being involved in theater and watching movies," said Jason Pelton (10). photo by Aimee Pancini



krissy

"Mostly I liked to hang out with my friends at their houses. But we really decided on our activities on the spur of the moment. We enjoyed going out to movies and just doing stuff," said Krissy Reid (10). photo by Sarah Pasyk

**M**ilidin Crnkovic practices his Siberian folk dancing in his home. Crnkovic began dancing in first grade and was a part of a dance team that both competed and danced at exhibitions. photo by Maritza Mota

# moving beyond gender

"It (dancing) was fun, it kept me busy, and it was interesting. Besides that, it's just a part of my culture." - Milidin Crnkovic

orders



## Crnkovic 'dances' as part of culture

**D**ance teams were for girls, right? Not necessarily. "For us [Siberians] it's not uncommon to see a man dance. In fact, my group had more guy dancers than it had girls," said Miladin Crnkovic (10). A dancer since first grade, Crnkovic stepped across the gender boundaries often imposed in the United States and found success and enjoyment.

Crnkovic moved here with his family about five years before from Arilje, Siberia. Once in the U.S., Crnkovic decided to continue his dancing career, first at St. Elijah's Church and more currently at St. Sava's Church. The reason for getting started? "Simple," replied Crnkovic. "It was a tradition. In Siberia everyone started dancing in first grade." According to Crnkovic dancing was more than just for competition. In fact, Crnkovic's group did more exhibition dancing than actual competing. Dancing even allowed Crnkovic the opportunity to visit such places as California, Canada, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

Once in the U.S., Crnkovic continued in his sport. He said, "I wanted to stay connected to my ethnicity, my roots, and my country." Crnkovic hoped to continue dancing for a while. "It was fun, it kept me busy, and it was interesting. Besides that, it was just a part of my culture." -Maritza Mota





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Rosenbaum, Teri  
Russell, Jr., Jeffrey  
Sager, Andrew  
Samples, Jeremiah



Sandilla, Stephanie  
Santelik, David  
Sauerma, Josh  
Saunders, James  
Savell, Stephanie  
Schaller, Amanda  
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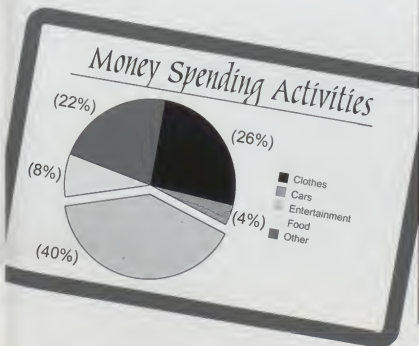
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# Dressing for dances big ticket item

Performing the Electric Slide dance at Turnabout, Ryne Emory (10), and Elizabeth Bassette (10) try to stay in step. Girls more so than boys often incurred a large amount of expense for dresses, hair styling, nails and accessories. Every season new dress styles sent girls back to the stores while the guys could wear the same suit for several years. photo by Titak



What did you spend your paycheck on?



john

"Probably just going out and spending time with friends. I

also spent a ridiculous amount of money on entertainment, eating out, movies, and other stuff," said John Fister (10). Photo by

Claudia Ryhe

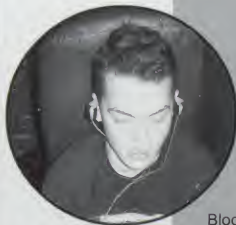


marika

"I actually spent most of my

money on shoes... money I

don't even have. I really do love shoes, especially Doc's. I've had a pair for three years now. They last forever," said Marika Barman (10). Photo by R. Overbeke



justin

"Movies, definitely.

Blockbuster not

only makes a fortune

off of my rentals, but also off of my late fees," said Justin Boyd (10). Photo by Titak

**J**ustin Wilk (9) practices the violin during his 3rd hour orchestra class prior to the spring musical *Damn Yankees*. Wilk served as part of the pit crew during the musical, playing such songs as "Whatever Lola Wants" and "Two Lost Souls." Wilk also played in several of the orchestras and performed solo at Suburban Roots shows a few times. photo by R. Overbeeke

# speaking from the



"The variation in technique was my favorite thing about playing the violin. I planned on becoming a professional jazz musician." -Justin Wilks

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old violin still sounds sweet

**J**ustin Wilk decided he wanted to play the violin when at the age of 6. When his great-uncle discovered his interest, he sent him a french violin that was over 120 years old. Wilk had just turned 12 years old at the time and began his career as a musician using the old instrument. However, he soon felt a need to purchase another and acquired an electric violin.

Despite the more modern features of the electric one, he still

prefers the original, he said, "It has more heritage."

Wilk used his talent to play in the pit band for the spring musical, *Damn Yankees*. He also played with the Chamber Orchestra, the Advanced Orchestra, the Intermediate Orchestra, the Youth Symphony, and in his spare time plays a little jazz with a band. "I was influenced mostly by professional violinists, such as Jean Luc Ponty, Mark O'Connor, and Boyd Tinsley from Dave Matthews Band," said Wilk.

In addition to his performance with various groups, Wilk also played his music solo for the Suburban Roots crowd, an organization that says it encourages all forms of artistic expression. He discovered "Roots" through his history teacher, Mr. Don Bernacky. "(I go to Suburban Roots because) playing the violin is like speaking your mind, not through verbal words but through your instrument." -Joe Huber



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Akey, Michael  
Albrecht, Charles  
Alicia, Jaclyn

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Fairchild, Lauren  
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# New coaches create apprehension

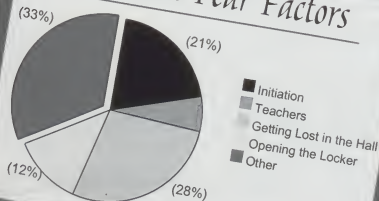
Taking a rest on the bench, Michelle Kutanovski (9) waits for her chance to go back in the game. Students discovered that learning to understand what a coach expected caused some apprehension. Also, for freshmen, playing with older kids on the team created tension. "The scariest thing was probably the fear of embarrassing myself in front of the older kids. I hate it when people make me feel stupid."

Said Kutnauski photo by

Titak



## Freshmen Fear Factors



What was the scariest thing about going to high school?



chris

"The scariest thing about coming to the high school was not knowing where all my classes were located at first," said Chris Salazar (9). (with Shana Laninga, 12). photo by R. Overbeeke



jennifer

"Being in a bigger school with so many people was a new and scary experience for me. St. Mary's only had about 600 students," said Jennifer Jancosek (9). photo by Dan Ostrosovich



jessica

"The scariest thing about coming to the high school was getting lost, because some people would make fun of you and then you would be late for classes," said Jessica Stiener (9). photo by Dan Ostrosovich

**C**learing the ball from the goal area for her teammates, Kim Pavels (9) passes to Megan Vega (10). Pavel began playing soccer when she was only 4 years old. She played in several leagues and was the only freshman to play on the varsity team. photo by Joe Huber



# making and preventing

## goals

"I planned on continuing to play soccer throughout high school and then try to maybe get a scholarship to play at the college level."

## *Pavel earns goalie position first year*

**K**imberly Pavel didn't mind being different. As the only freshman on the varsity squad, she captured the goalie position. "I've always liked being a goalie because not everyone can be a goalie, and there is only one of them on the field," said Pavel.

She started playing soccer at the ripe age of four, and began to play the goalie position around the age of six. Earning the respect of older teammates can be difficult, but Pavel believed she did it. "I think I got and deserved the most respect at the Evansville game because that was the hardest game I've ever had to play in. They were tough and I think the team gained some respect for me," she said.

Playing in several leagues throughout her life and now a member of the varsity team, Pavel believed that soccer was in her blood. "Soccer had always been a big part of my life and I thought it always would be. I just had to work and stay with it even through the hard times," she said.

Pavel's other hobbies included listening to Hip Hop, shopping at the mall, and watching many movies on the weekends. Of course she only participated in these hobbies when soccer wasn't taking up all of the time in her life. -Joe Huber



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Kurth, Lindsey  
Kutanovski, Michelle



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Lakich, Jessica  
Larsen, Jordan  
Layton, Ruth  
Lee, Andrew  
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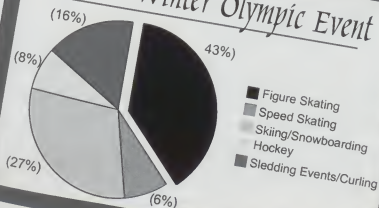


# School promotes Winter Olympics

Playing shuffleboard during the Foreign Language department's version of the Winter Olympics, Josh Oresto (9) tries to score for his club. Each year during Foreign Language Week, the sponsors of each language club put on the event in the cafeteria. Oresto was a member of Latin Club. photo by Maritza Mota



## Favorite Winter Olympic Event



What was your most favorite Winter Olympic event?



david

"Snowboarding was best because of the cool tricks, and speed skating because you don't know what's going to happen next," said David Keller (9).

photo by Maritza Mota



chris

"Ski jumping was the best event in the Olympics. I enjoyed watching them, and they had some very cool moves," said Chris Wacnik (9).

photo by Titak



Kathleen

"My favorite olympic event was diving because I was in diving and you rarely see a sport like that on T.V. It's fun to watch a sport like that when they're at the olympic level," said Kathleen Buckley (9).

photo by Titak

**W**hile running around with his friends at Blast Camp in Portage, Jason Stypula (9) fixes his protective gear before starting the game. Stypula said he became interested in paintball around age eleven when a couple of friends introduced him to the sport. photo by Natalie Stypula

# discovering a unique

obby

"I liked [paintballing] because it got my heart pumping. My adreneline started to speed up and once I started playing, I couldn't stop." - Jason Stypulas



## Passion drives Stypula to battlefield

**I**magine walking around an old, abandoned army base dodging behind trees, dropping behind mounds of dirt, and looking for the "enemy." Then imagine the horror of seeing bright colored paint splatter all over your clothing. What's going on? For Jason Stypulas, its just paintball season.

Instead of going out to a regular gun range with normal pistols and shooting at a standing target, Stypula took trips

down to the abandoned army base in Portage and participated in paintballing competitions. His friends Mike Reno (10) and Andrew Wilson (10) introduced him to this "extreme" sport. Stypula said, "I liked to spend time with my friends, and it gave me a chance to forget about all my responsibilities. It was also something to do in my spare time."

Stypula explained that teams are made up of about five or six people and they play various games including Catch the Flag, Last Man Standing, and Speed Ball. What made the sport so appealing to Stypula? "The adrenaline rush. No other sport can be compared to it," he said. "I would suggest getting a couple of friends together and going out to any sort of field and just giving it a try." -Rosa Venegas





Loudermilk, Kristyn  
Luckey, Lisa  
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Machowicz, Drew  
Madison, Amanda  
Magurean, Curtis



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Manley, Christopher  
Marlow, Jesse  
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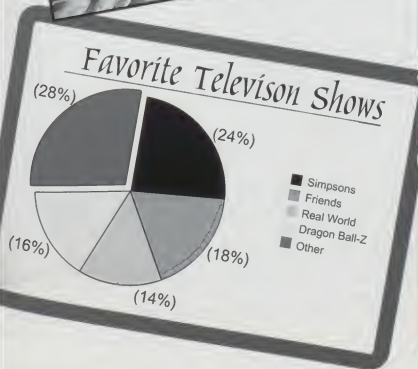
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# HBO star speaks to students

Angel Manfredy, a boxer often featured on HBO, (Home Box Office) autographs Jacob Blockland's (9) t-shirt after giving a motivational speech to students. Various classes attended the speech in which Manfredy discussed his mistakes in life and second chances. The star remained afterwards to answer questions, mingle with students, and sign autographs. photo by Maritza Mota



## What was your favorite television program?



casey

"I liked a lot of T.V. shows, but if I had to chose one I guess it would have been the Simpsons because they were really funny and I liked Bart a lot," Casey Underwood (9). photo by Jessica Koscielnik



adam

"Six Feet Under was my favorite T.V show for the reason that it got the things that they didn't show on ABC; it has real drama," said Adam Steur (9). photo by Claudia Rhye



leann

"I'd have to say that Buffy the Vampire Slayer is my favorite T.V show because I like how they make the vampires look so real," said Leann Hood (9). photo by Anna Riley

**W**hile in Illiana Christian Photo Studio, Seth Henderson (9), Ryan Gullet (9), Samuel Henderson (9) and Paul Siemer (10) have their promotional picture taken. Seth and Sam Henderson began taking music lessons at the age of 10. Although they both started off playing drums, Seth switched to bass in fifth grade.

# creating a family of

"Our parents always encouraged us to go out and make a difference in the world and shoot for our dreams. I had a great drum teacher, Mr Bill, a music teacher from Lake Central, who made learning fun."- Sam Henderson

*USIC*



## Brothers form band, create CD

**W**hile some kids grew up dreaming of becoming doctors, firemen or lawyers, Seth and Samuel Henderson had something else in mind. They hoped to be professional musicians.

Along with their two close friends Ryan Gullet and Paul Siemer, the brothers formed the band Exit. The boys finished a CD last year, and planned to spend the rest of the year preparing for the next one. "We were writing a bunch of songs. When we finished, it would be back to the recording studio," said Seth. The band had high expectations for themselves, "A big goal in my life when it came to music was to become big and make a name for ourselves. We wouldn't mind getting paid for what we loved doing," said Samuel. The band played at the French Club's Mardi Gras Dance, the Lake County Fair, and the Highland Fair.

Music played a major role in the boys' family life. Their mother played the piano, their father wrote music, their sister played the violin and sang, and they mixed their own music in their home studio. "With music being a huge part in my family, every year we had a music festival outside where musicians come from all over to jam for the whole day," said Seth. -Rosa Venegas





Roth, Nicholas  
 Rotroff, Jamie  
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 Rudisill, Daniel  
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 Seydel, Joshua  
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 Solomon, Michael  
 Solorzano, Patricia  
 Solis, Nathan  
 Sparrow, Kimberly  
 Spillers, Jessica



Sprehe, Justin  
 Springman, Mallory  
 Stacks, Briana  
 Stahl, Jorie  
 Staples, Nichole  
 Stedman, Tia  
 Steeb, Paul

Steuer, Adam  
Stiener, Jessica  
Straka, Ashlee  
Stypula, Jason  
Susoreny, Joseph  
Tasher, Aaron  
Theodoros, Elena



Thomas, Michelle  
Thompson, Heidi  
Titus, Robert  
Trybula, Michael  
Underwood, Casey  
Vaca, Jennifer  
Vanderpol, Mallory



Veljanoski, Pavel  
Veschak, Kathy  
Vicari, Joseph  
Vlahos, Evangelos  
Voyles, Jamie  
Wacnik, Christopher  
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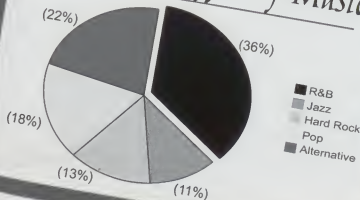


# Guitarist's dreams come true

Playing at Open Mike Night, lead singer Donald Berg (9) performs for the Suburban Roots crowd. His band, Jack In The Box, played a mostly alternative style of music. The boys often played music from other artists but added their own creative twist. Two of their favorite bands included Marilyn Manson and Nickelback. photo by Lauren Tokar



## Favorite Types of Music



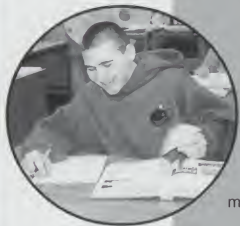
What was your favorite song or musical group?



danielle

"I liked all rap, but my favorites were Ludicris, Ja-Rule,

Master P and Tu-Pac because I liked the lyrics and what they meant," said Danielle Seifert (9). photo by Sarah Pasyk



jamie

"My favorite music group was Cosh

Mowry and my favorite solo artist was Tu-Pac because they both spoke their minds and it was all about reality," said Jamie Voyles (9). photo by Sarah Pasyk



jennifer

"My favorite music group was Linkin Park

because I loved the words to each and every song and the way they expressed themselves," said Jennifer Dunn (9). photo by Sarah Pasyk

While playing chess, Mr. Don Bernacky (social studies) contemplates his next move. Bernacky was the sponsor of the newly founded Chess Club. The Chess Club became a popular new club consisting of about 70 members early in the year. photo by Claudia Rhye

# Getting everything out of

"Imagine yourself in a place of great success ten years in the future. Then write a step by step account of how you go from here to there. Now all you have to do is follow your own words to find your path to happiness." - Don Bernacky



## Bernacky comes out on top

**A**lthough presented with many obstacles in his life, Mr. Don Bernacky still managed to come out on top. Even though he was born with cerebral palsy, Bernacky completed everyday tasks. He said, "I worked to keep my mind and body in shape. Ninety-five percent of the time it (cerebral palsy) never got in my way, and

when it did, I used my head and found a way to get through my difficulties. Praying also helped me keep my strengths and weaknesses in focus, which has gotten me to where I am today."

Along with Mr. Chad Bush, Mr. Bernacky co-sponsored Suburban Roots. He helped with special programs and activities including concerts and field trips. And when a group of students went searching for a sponsor for the new Chess Club, Mr. Bernacky willingly accepted the position. He was very active outside of school as well. He and his wife participated in yoga classes and in their free time researched musical folklore. He was also co-owner of a video production studio where he took time to produce short length films.

Bernacky believed in never identifying yourself through your weaknesses because it would only lead you to view yourself as a victim. He said, "Instead of viewing yourself through a weakness, view yourself through all your strong points. This will insure that you will be the author of your own success, and someone can change the world around them for the better." -Brittany Jillson





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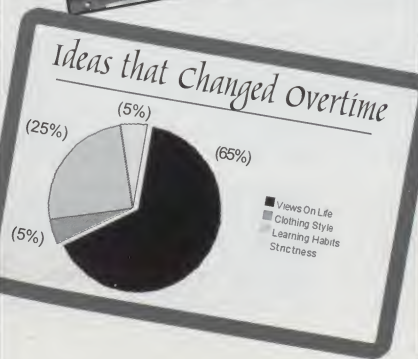
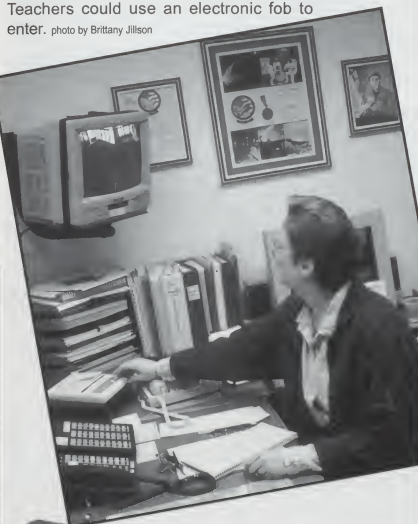
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# New security promotes safety

While in the main office Mrs. Judy Duffala (office receptionist) watches the new security camera as she buzzes in a visitor. School officials added a new security system that prevents unwelcomed people in the building. The idea was to monitor individuals going in and out of the school building during school hours. Teachers could use an electronic fob to enter. photo by Brittany Jillson



What has changed since you were in high school to now?



smoltino

"Students had access to information and were expected

to use it to enhance their learning.

Students today have the benefit of going to school and using CD-Roms and internet which was not available a few years ago."

said Mrs. Kathryn Smoltino (foreign language). photo by Jessica Koscielniak



vance

"Everything from the way we dressed, taught, the clubs, the

curriculum, and the ways teachers and students interacted. It was more formal with harsher discipline," said Mrs. Denise

Vance (social studies). photo by Kristina Louitt



kinoshita

"I had a more positive view of my life. I knew

a lot more about myself and about my life than I did when I was a young kid," said Mrs. Norita Kinoshita

(Japanese). photo by Joe Hueber

**M**rs. Julia Chary shows Angie Fodemski (10) how to purchase food at a French grocery store. Students in second year French were given a class period to go around to different food stores, ran by other students, and buy the things on their lists. Mrs. Chary made her own store of items that came from all the different types of food stores that students may have needed to complete the list.

photo by Brittany Jillson



# Planning for early

retirement

"I feel great when I see a student succeed, especially if that student succeeded after a long struggle to do so, or against greater odds." -Julia Chary

## Mrs. Chary says Au Revoir to students

**M**rs. Julia Chary, a French teacher exclaimed, "It's time!" Chary decided that after 26 years of teaching at various places, it was time to retire. She said, "I reached the age of wanting to relax and perhaps travel a little. I also planned to clean a lot. Maybe I would do something new and different." Chary was not only a French teacher, but an English teacher at Crown Point for two years in the mid-'80's as well. She also taught high school English in

Cortland, New York, and Pittsburgh while she worked on her graduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh. One of her best experiences as an English teacher was realizing that after a year of pushing and pulling some below-average English students, they had LIKED reading *Silas Marner*. "I had actually hated it when I read it, so I guess somehow I made it come alive for them," said Chary.

Two Crown Point alumni spoke to her at a foreign language conference explaining that she had helped inspire them to major in the French language. Then after college they too became French teachers. The best thing about being a teacher according to Mrs. Chary was, "Seeing the light bulb that went off in someone's eyes... 'Ah! I get it!' I love the feeling of having taught someone something." Chary, who was also the French club advisor for 20 years said she would take many fond memories from the activities and field trips with her. "The times that gave me the most satisfaction were those spent building the homecoming floats and the other times that we went to French restaurants in Chicago," she said. -Brittany Jillson



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# When duty calls...

## We join Forces

Although the school offered over 30 different clubs, Christopher Arges' (11) interest was not satisfied by the selection. Arges loved to play chess, and so he created a chess club. "I posted flyers around school with my friend Ryan Orzechowicz (12) announcing an initial meeting, and then I approached Mr. (Don) Bernacky (history), asking him to sponsor the club," said Arges. About 25 people responded to the letter and **united interests** at the meeting. "I was definitely surprised and a little bit shocked. I thought about two or three people would show up," said Orzechowicz.

In previous years, members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) **joined forces** around the flagpole to hold their traditional "See You at the Pole" gathering. However, the nation held the event on a larger scale and high school students around the country met at their school flagpoles at 6:50 AM on September 19th to pray for those affected by the Sept. 11th tragedy. "It seemed so much more important than other years because so many people were excited to attend, and everyone had an individual or group that they wanted to pray for," said Trey Williams (12).

Clubs offered students more than a chance to get together; by **combining talents** students received opportunities to compete against clubs from other schools. For example, when Concert Choir members competed at ISSMA, their scores enabled them to continue on to compete in the state competition in which they placed twelfth. Latin Club also competed in a state competition at IU Bloomington and placed second overall. "I thought [Latin State Competition] was an awesome experience because I got to meet all sorts of people who also shared the same passion for a language," said Krystina Trimble (11). -Sarah Pasyk





**1.** "Perfectly

lovely wedding,"

says Elizabeth Camp

during a wedding scene in

the play "Our Town" (11).

"There was nothing that I would have rather done than to have been on stage," said Camp. photo by

Jessica Koscielniak

**2.** After a heavy application of makeup,

Kenneth Easton (12) gets powdered in

preparation for his performance in "Our

Town." Easton played Mr. Gibbs, the father of the main character, in the play. photo by

Jessica Koscielniak

**3.** While performing a dead man's fall,

David Parrish (11) and Jason Daseler (12)

sing 'Soul Man' at the All City Choir Concert.

Daseler said he used singing and dancing to help him relax. photo by R. Overbeek

**4.** Dan Ostrozovich (11) and David Hanus

(11) compete in the three-legged race at

the Foreign Language Olympics. Their

victory in the event put the Japanese

Club in first place overall. photo by S. Pasyk

**5.** For a project in Auto Shop,

Joseph Sabato (11) and Mike

Revolt (11) make the fabrication

of a ramp used to perform

hand-held bike tricks. Sabato

planned to work on cars

as a career in the

future. photo by Titak

# New angles build character

Teenagers developed their own characters during their high school years: some within a sport, some through academics, and some by artistic means.

"Being a part of the plays and musicals allowed me to be whatever I wanted to be and in return broadened my outlook on people and life itself," said Jason Pelton (10).

Though based on the ability to speak well and accordingly, "Speech, and in a sense, acting has helped me in developing my character in that I have become a much more outgoing person," said Asma Khalid (12).

Young writers also found a way to utilize their talents towards the betterment of themselves. "Suburban Roots helped me get my own artwork out to fellow students and enabled me to see my artistic potential," said John Miller (12).

Those involved with theater said it was a great stress reliever.. "Acting has always been a way to escape an ordinary life, and be anything I want to be," said Kathleen Shaw (12).

A multitude of character enhancing opportunities were presented, it was just a matter of pursuit. - Claudia Rhye

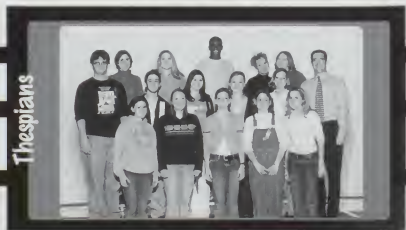
talking it up

Amanda Auron (11), Rachel Hulen (11), and Katie Messing (11) practice one of their speeches in preparation for an upcoming meet. "We loved working together," said Auron.

photo by Claudia Rhye



**Front Row:** Lauren Angel, Carly Link, Kara Gora, Kelly Cowan, Heather-Ann Schaeffner, Ashley Amodeo, John Bucke, Janel Heneghan, Ashley Wilson, Shannon Morfin, Angela Spadoni, Jessica Koscielniak **2nd Row:** Amy Kennedy, Lauren Kocher, Lindsey Dykes, Colleen Carroll, Jessica Jared, Joe Sabato, Mark Cooper, Lisa Curry, Jon Ramos, Kara Wotherspoon **Back Row:** Bill Agans, Dennis Pilipovich, Elliott Handley, Dave Davison, Chris Seleski, David Hanus, Joe Huber, Chris Coe, Mike Bapple



**Front Row:** Alexis Aiello, Elizabeth Camp, Kathleen Shaw, Georganne Weber, Kim Stegall **2nd Row:** Andrew Wirtz, Joe Anello, Abby Mummery, Ashleigh Robbins, Colleen Draga, Mr. Christopher Degenhart **Back Row:** Katie Braggs, Jennelle Brosius, Trey Williams, Aimee Pancini, Tracy Farnsworth



hanging on

Singing "You've Gotta Have Heart," Matt Eaton (11) sways on top of Justin Boyd (10) and Edward Klingberg's (11) shoulders. "That part of the musical was fun; I wasn't at all afraid of falling." The boys portrayed the Senators in *Damn Yankees*, photo by R. Overbeeke



in spotlight

At the Suburban Roots concert, Mike Phernetton (11) and his band perform. "It (Suburban roots) was a great way to bring kids together and enjoy other people's art," said Phernetton. photo by Sarah Pasyk

eye to eye

Andrew Wirtz (12) and Edward Klingberg (11) perform a dialogue during a presentation of *Our Town*. "Being in the musicals and plays throughout high school was one of the best things I could have done," said Wirtz. photo by Jessica Koscielniak



Speech Team



Encore Theatre

**Front Row:** Angela Tedesco, Renee Rysiewicz, Asma Khalid, Amber Becavis **2nd Row:** Lauren Armenta, Katy Argadine, Laura Dragoin, Ryne Emory, Teri Rosenbaum, Laura Retson, Emilie Bilka, Katie Messing **Back Row:** Jena Dines, Karl Winge, Rachel Huler, Laurel Poulsem, Bryan Martin, Ross Compton, Amanda Auron, Jessica Peron, Marisa Fernandez

**Front Row:** Alexis Aiello, Carey Ciochina, Kim Stegall, Elizabeth Camp, Jason Pelton **2nd Row:** Georganne Weber, Karl Winge, Matt Eaton, Jessica Cunningham, Naseem Mohammed, Maggie Friedricks, Joe Anello, Caitlin Lincoart **3rd Row:** Kathleen Shaw, Marshall Back, Colleen Draga, Abby Mummary, Ashleigh Robbins, Katie Braggs, John Fister, Patrick Hunt, **Back Row:** Ryan Allen, Tracy Farnsworth, Jennel Brosius, Trey Williams, Andrew Wirtz, Texas Joe, Ryan Disler, Aimee Puncini, Mr. Christopher Degenhart

Getting ready to shoot the next segment of *Showtime*, Rebecca Zaucher (12) frames the shot. "I would never have known about the television business if I did not do *Showtime*," said Zaucher. photo by Kristina Loutitt

**Front Row:** Cody Hollifield, Erin Naulf, Tara Menacher, Becky Wilk, Megan Langel, Rebecca Zaucha, Katy Argadine, Sarah Vickers, Pam Frazier. **2nd Row:** Mr. Tachiris, Kelly Bielak. **Kristina Loutitt,** Melissa Baumgardner, Ashleigh Robbins, Thad Krupa, Aimee Pancini, Jeff Noy, Georganne Weber, Mrs. Landgrebe. **Back Row:** Erin Momper, Adam Miller, Phil Rendina, Eric Gulbrandsen, Mike Garrett, Kurt Hanaway, Matt Melton, Allison Witt, Megan Reid.



"One memory that I will always cherish from Showtime is the first time I saw myself on television." -Kurt Hanaway, 11

**Front Row:** Kristin Frank, Jessica Bixeman, Jessica Koscielniak, Kristina Loutitt, Maritza Mota, Lauren Angel. **2nd Row:** Mrs. Rhonda Overbeeke, Carey Ciochina, Claudia Rhye, Rosa Venegas, Cara Palonis, Sarah Pasyk. **Back Row:** Joe Huber, Dan Ostrozovich, Ryan Wilson, Dale Packard, Brittany Jillson.



"Everyone on staff worked so hard to put the book together. It was truly fantastic to see everyone grow together." -Jessica Koscielniak, 11

**Front Row:** Kristin Frank, Sarah Pasyk, Jessica Koscielniak, Maritza Mota. **Back Row:** Ashley Madajczyk, Joe Huber, Carey Ciochina.



Every unpredictable day became an adventure in yearbook. Although we faced several challenges, we all pulled through, had fun, and created a beautiful book. -Sarah Pasyk, 11





# Staffs ~~work~~ together toward deadlines

**T**ake five, four, three, two, one. Action! The advanced mass media classes set out to make the weekly television program, *Showtime*, and every week the program appeared on channel 16. "We worked really hard on stories, that we would then tape and broadcast throughout Northwest Indiana," said Aimee Pancini (12).

While *Showtime* put school news on the air, the *Excalibur* staff preserved it in print form. The staff traveled to Franklin College, Ball State University, and Phoenix, Arizona to improve their journalistic skills. "The trips and conventions we attended were the best. I learned so much in Phoenix," said Maritza Mota (12). The staffs received five Harvey Awards from the IHSPA,

a Silver Medal from Columbia Press Association, a first place from National Scholastic Press and ranked 8th in the Best of Show competition at the National High School Journalism Convention in Phoenix. -

## Jessica Koscielniak

**un**wrap fun Dan Ostrozovich (11) unwraps a Pokemon book, a *Star Wars* wand and a toy gun during the annual *Excalibur* gift exchange. "The present that Joe [Huber] bought for me was just like something I used to get when I was a small kid," said Ostrozovich.

photo by R. Overbeek



**bust a move** Dancing to "Oh My" by Tweet, Lauren Angel and Sarah Pasyk (11) try out their dance moves. "The dances were a good way to end a rigorous day of learning," said Angel. photo by Asma Khalid

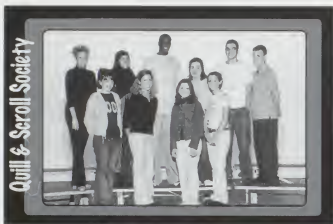
**news anchor** Reporter Ashleigh Robbins (12) interviews, Homecoming Queen Shannon Morfin (12), during halftime of the Homecoming football game. Robbins, as a second year staff member of *Showtime*, first took the required beginning mass media class. photo by TitaK

Excalibur & Showtime



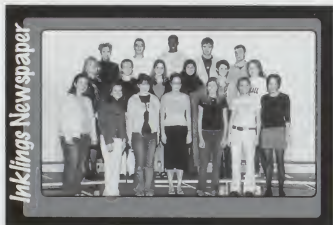
**Cartoonist** Cartoonist Josh Sauerman (10) draws for fun after school in the news room. "I thought this would be a fun way to use my hobby," said Sauerman. He took a first place for one of his cartoons from the February issue of the *Inklings* at Ball State's Journalism day held in April. photo by Joe Huber

**Front Row:** Jessica Bixeman, Sarah Pasyk, Kristin Frank, Katherine Damanskis.  
**Back Row:** Aimee Pancini, Asma Khalid, Trey Williams, Maritza Mota, Joshua Rattray, Kyle Long.



"I felt it was an honor to be inducted into the Quill and Scroll. It was nice to know that all the work I put in paid off." - Jessica Bixeman (12).

**Front Row:** Maritza Mota, Kristin Frank, Jessica Bixeman, Samantha Tobias, Kelly Sapita, Katherine Damanskis, and Danielle Dravet..  
**2nd Row:** Mrs. Rhonda Overbeeke, Claudia Rhye, Elizabeth Lisican, Asma Khalid, Colleen Carroll, and Amanda Auron.  
**Back Row:** Aimee Pancini, Joshua Rattray, Trey Williams, Ryan Wilson, and Kyle Long.



"My favorite memories would be the times Trey Williams (12) and I would dance and sing together in the middle of the room." - Aimee Pancini (12).

**Front Row:** Maritza Mota, Aimee Pancini, Joshua Rattray, Asma Khalid, and Katherine Damanskis.



"Newspaper has given me a chance to become a better writer and learn more about what it takes to make it." - Katherine Damanskis (11).



# Inklings writers receive honors

Deadlines are fun," said Claudia Rhye (10), "and the life of a staff member on the *Inklings*." Students had story deadlines, photo deadlines and even page deadlines according to their advisor, Rhonda Overbeeke.

Obviously the staff did more than just meet deadlines; they created a quality product as well that earned three awards at the state convention, won several individual honors at Ball State's Journalism Day, an International first place from Quill and Scroll, and 3rd in *The Times* High School Newspaper of the Year competition.

"It's an amazing feeling to know that someone thinks your writing is of quality," said Editor-in-Chief Asma Khalid (12). Josh Sauerman, the staff artist, also enjoyed receiving recognition. "I didn't even know that I was en-

tered into any contests. It was really cool to win though," he said.

Quill and Scroll, an honor society for journalists, provided recognition for outstanding publications students as well. - Joe Huber

Trey Williams (12) and Kristin Frank (12) accept their Quill and Scroll Society cords from Mrs. Rhonda Overbeeke (advisor) during the May journalism banquet. "It really meant a lot because at graduation I was able to show off all the work I'd done," said Frank. photo by Jessica Koscielnia

Danielle Dravet and Samantha Tobias take a break from working during the *Inklings* Christmas Party. The staff exchanged gifts and carried in food during 7th hour. photo by R. Overbeeke

While visiting the town of Sedona in Arizona, Asma Khalid (12) checks out a cactus. Eight publications students attended the National Scholastic Press Association Convention during Spring Break in Phoenix. Arriving a few days before the convention began, the group did a little sight-seeing. photo by R. Overbeeke

Inklings, Quill & Scroll

down n' dirty

On the job, Ryan Calarie (12) puts oil in the engine of the car he works on. Students in Auto Club enjoyed working on their own cars, but also helped each other on the large jobs. The class met daily and the club met on Tuesday evenings. photo by Titak

**Front Row:** Jordan Fischer, Garret Willis, Kyle Grzych, Tanya Bertram, Dustin Scaggs, Thomas Cornelius **2nd Row:** Don Coppinger, Bryan Martin, Ryan Zervos, David Alt, Bryan Kowert, Alonso Arambula **Back Row:** Eric Knapp, Matthew Tomczak, Michai Turner, John Beauchamp, James Smith, Matt Zaleski, Doug Conley, Bill Brasky



"I enjoyed Design Masters mostly because it taught me a lot that I did not know about the field."  
- Dustin Scaggs, (12)

**Front Row:** Leslie Darlin, Steve Schello, Tanya Ivey, Jason Powell, Robert Bruno, Sean McDaniel **2nd Row:** Jake Borrmann, Anthony Rivera, Jeffrey Kurth, Robert Bees, Bryan Kowert, Josh Ackermann, Nick Thomson **Back Row:** Michael Dlugokinski, Troy Bush, Kurt Weisel, Aaron Juarez, Doug Conley, Mr. Robert Belei **Not Pictured:** Kippy Burditt, Adam McKown, Matthew Grant



"I enjoyed Auto Club because it helped me learn basics of how to take care of my car."  
- Jake Borrmann (12), Vice-President

**Front Row:** Kelly Cowan, Angela Spadoni, Chris Arges, Ryan Orzechowicz, Colleen Draga, Janel Heneghan **2nd Row:** Jocelyn Juarez, Shannon Morfin, Ashley Plumley, Daniel Burke, Gregory Schatzman, Colleen Genetos, Ashley Wilson, Stephanie Swanson, Carly Link **3rd Row:** Elliott Handley, Niko Nyenhuis, Kevin Devine, Jason Daseler, Nickolas Furro, Chad Mills, Jacob Ewing, Chris Charizopoulos, Kara Gora **Back Row:** James Perkins, Paul Schmidt, Nicholas Camp, Daniel Ellich, Robert Rutherford, Christopher Kutanowski, Bryan Kowert, Anthony Rivera, Kevin Klein, Mr. Don Bernacki



"It was a pleasure to sponsor something different that students could enjoy and experience."  
- Mr. Don Bernacki, Sponser





# Search for *distractions* increase

To break away from the monotony of studying, gain experience, and enjoy life, students joined various extracurricular and co-curricular organizations. For example, every Tuesday evening, a group of about 15 people joined together in the auto shop to share their love of working on cars. Although most of the Auto Club members thought of their passion for cars as a hobby, some hoped to make it into a career.

Another career oriented club, Design Masters, provided an opportunity for students to use creativity along with analytical, computer, and social skills. Tanya Bertram (12) said, "Because I was the only girl (in Design Masters), everybody gave me a birthday party. It was so thoughtful and sweet."



The newly founded Chess Club also attracted those analytical thinkers. Carly Link (12) said, "I joined Chess Club because I wanted to experience something different." However, the club fizzled out by second semester. - Tom Spear

wheel works

Seniors Matt Beilfuss and Michael Dlugokinski check the tires of a car during Auto Club. Auto club sponsored the Winter Car Check and then in May held the 7th annual auto show." photo by Titak

Auto Club, Design Masters & Chess Club

mental game

Sitting in the library after school, Christopher Arges (11) and Christopher Charizopoulos (10) play a game of chess while Daniel Burke (9) points out certain aspects of the game. The Chess Club started out with about 40 members, but by second semester, the numbers dwindled. photo by Daniel Dravet

tool time

Design Masters student Brian Maxwell (11) uses a mechanical desktop program to draw machine parts from scratch. "I was at the point where I could draw whatever I wanted to..." Maxwell said he wanted to become a mechanical engineer in the future. photo by Joe Huber

# Helping hands *Bring* togetherness

Math problems confronted students that gathered in Mrs. Nancy May's (Math) classroom once a month for Math Club. Each student was given six problems and was allotted thirty minutes for the test. Top math students in Algebra II or higher competed against other schools, and in the end each student was ranked individually as well as collectively.

While some were busy with math problems, the Kiwanians and Rotarians, students selected by coaches or sponsors in their respective programs, gave speeches. Selected rotarians gathered at Youche Country Club each Wednesday regarding plans for their future. "I gave a speech about what I was involved in. It was a great honor," said Asma Khalid (12).

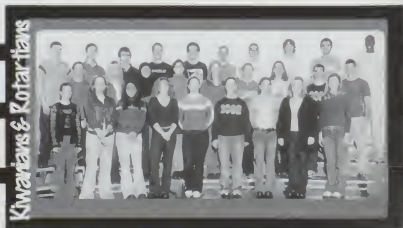
Peer as Resource's mainly tutored underclassmen and tried to get the freshman involved in community service work. "We bought presents for needy children for Christmas, and for Easter we went to the St. Jude House to have an Easter egg hunt for the kids," said Stefanie Joveski (11).

**Jessica Koscielniak**

**brain teasers** With calculator in hand, Peter Bessette reviews his math test and begins to work out his first problem. The team's goal was to place higher than their rival school, Chesterton. photo by J. Koscielniak



**Math Club**  
Front Row: Sarah Whiteside, Natalie Holtzinger, Michael Charizopoulos, Bret Sodo, Melissa Cooper, Ann Walter, Alexandria Mossbarger 2nd Row: Rachel Hulen, Sarah Gilles, Blayne Reeves, Marika Barman, Lucas Bapple, Laura Piszowicz, and Amanda Siple Back Row: Ryan Moline, Daniel Artis, Ryan James, Ben Freeman, Thomas Cartwright, Ryan Armstrong, Aaron Kirchhoff.



**Kiwanians & Rotarians**  
Front Row: Kelly Bielak, Kara Gora, Shannon Morfin, Ashley Plumley, Janel Heneghan, Kelly Sankowski, Kathleen Shaw, Ashleigh Robbins, Jamie Kooi 2nd Row: Kelley Thorsten, Amy Enslin, Asma Kalid, Katherine Braggs, Emily Tromp, Lisa Diderich, Alexandra Webster, Sean McDaniel, Ryan Orzechowicz Back Row: Doug Olson, Micheal Stanek, Steven Hamilton, Brent Brown, Peter Bessette, Kyle Knutson, Josh Rattray, Kyle Fricke, Joshua Goeringer, Trey Williams



lunch out

Standing front and center, Asma Khalid (12) and Kyle Knutson (12) finish giving their speeches for their Rotary Club luncheon held at Youche Country Club in October. Each student attended the luncheons every week for a month. photo by J. Koscielniak



speaking up

Christopher Seleski (12), conducts a meeting before school. Seleski served a president of Peer As Resource and tutored for two years. photo by J. Koscielniak

relaxing talk

Rotarians Alex Webster and Phil Rendina sit and talk after their speeches. Their participation in basketball and National Honor Society gained them admittance into the group. photo by Maritza Mota



Peer As Resource



Boys' & Girls' State

Front Row: Kelly Bielak, Colleen Genetos, Kelly Cowan, Kimberly Bieker, Kyle Long, Kelley Thorsen Back Row: Christopher Sprehe, Eric Gulbrandsen, Christopher Seleski, Brian Sparks, Lauren Rhodes

First Row: Richard Sauerman, Michael Stanek, Garret Willis, Steven Hamilton Back Row: Jill Ballard, Asma Khalid, Kelly Cowan, Katherine Braggs

"Decorating the cafeteria was fun. It was cool to see how much a small group of people could do," said Daniel Forsythe (12). Honor Society decorated for the community dinner. photo by R. Overbeeke

**Front row:** Ashley Mann, Kelly Bielak, Sean McDaniel, Kelly Cowan, Colleen Drasga, Ellen Sistovaris, Allison Witt, Allison Bishop, Katelyn Klepsch, Ashley Plumley, Angela Spadoni **2nd Row:** Michelle Baloski, Kelly Sanowski, Courtney Bonhvert, Lisa Diecklich, Tracey Farnsworth, Emily Tromp, Sarah Myers, Alexandra Webster, Erin Crowley, Asma Khalid, Shanna Schmelter, Kristin Frost, Rachel Smith **3rd Row:** Gregory Schatzman, Elizabeth Erickson, Jillian Paloney, Jenelle Brosius, John Dickelmann, Philip Rendina, Richard Sauerma, Michael Stanek, Ryan Simko, Jennifer Guard, Garret Willis, Jillian Ballard **Back Row:** Daniel Forsythe, Elizabeth Beemsterboer, Jason Dasler, Rock Copeland, Derek Wermers, Trey Williams, David Huber, James Smith, Peter Bessette, Brent Brown, Amy Enslin, Mr. Jerome Flewelling



"Being chosen to be a member of the National Honor Society was a great honor. It was a rewarding experience." - Brent Brown (12).

**Front row:** Lindsay Gora, Sarah Pasyk, Ashley Amodeo, Erin Crowley, Ashley Madajczyk, Elizabeth Camp. **2nd Row:** Katelyn Klepsch, Karie Larsen, Ashley Plumley, Kara Gora, Jill Ballard, Angela Tsikouris, Shannon Morfin, Carly Link, Angela Spadoni, Kathleen Shaw. **3rd Row:** Elizabeth Lewis, Amy Enslin, Keri Cuculich, Erin Hostinsky, Allison Isailovich, Melissa Baumgardner, Allison Bishop, Kelly Cowan, Janel Heneghan. **Back Row:** Lauren Rhodes, Steven Hamilton, Richard Sauerma, Sean Cash, Trey Williams, Christopher Seleski, Paul Schmidt, Michael Stanek, Christopher Kutanoski.



"I wanted a voice in our school's decisions. I loved being able to actually make a difference in our school." - Ashley Amodeo (11).

**Front Row:** Kiahna Key, Daniel Burke, Mandy Rowe, Elena Theodoros, Ann Schatzman, Carolyn Sinko, Tanya Osika. **2nd Row:** Abigail Link, Eric Bernacchi, Ann Walter, Michael Gora, Lindsey Morfin, Erin Perkins, Jessica Stiner, Aaron Smith. **Back Row:** Linsey Crowley, Stephanie Sandilla, Jonathan Ramos, Melissa Cooper, Robert Slepceovich, Jamie Jansen, Carey Ciochina, Mary Anderson, Claudia Rhye.



"I had fun in the Student Council because it taught me about leadership." - Aaron Smith (10).





# Leadership, *tenacity* bring honors

**B**eing a member of student council took an immense amount of time, according to its members, since obligations lasted from August to June. The group met every other Wednesday and discussed their plans for upcoming activities. Members raised money for Riley's Children's Hospital, attended the State Convention, and helped prepare for Relay For Life. In addition, they designed the activities during Homecoming week. "I really liked helping out with Spirit Week," said Ann Schatzman (9).

To be inducted into National Honor Society, each student needed to maintain a 3.35 GPA and acquire teacher recommendations. To remain in the group, students also had to complete five hours of community service per semester

so students rang bells to raise money for the Salvation Army. "It was interesting to see how nice and generous people were," said Ellen Sistoravis (12). "It felt good to give back to the community," said Tracy Farnsworth (12). - Carey Ciochina

giving time

At the teacher appreciation breakfast in December, Carolyn Simko (10) and Melissa Cooper (10) pour apple juice. Student Council held a breakfast for the teachers before Christmas Break.

photo by Carey Ciochina



hanging up

Trey Williams (12), Garret Willis (12), and Sean McDaniel (12) decorate the cafeteria for the Christmas holiday. This was one of the Honor Society's responsibilities during the year. photo by R. Overbeek

Singing Out

Trying out the stage, Amy Enslin (12), Sean Cash (11), and Shannon Morfin (12) watch as Christopher Seleski (12) sings "Loveshack." Members of Student Council gathered for a party during State Convention at Valparaiso High School. photo by Sarah Pasyk



Student Council & Honor Society

tough tree

Before lunch Sandy Veljanoski (12) organizes the Angel tree project. "The Angel Tree was one of the toughest projects to put together," said Veljanoski.  
photo by Maritza Mota

Front Row: Karie Larsen, Kathleen Shaw, Abby Mummery, Elizabeth Lewis  
2nd Row: Allison Bishop, Alyss Mueller, Alexis Charizopoulos, Shannon Morfin, Kara Gora, Katelin Klepsch, Carly Link, Officer Tracy  
Back Row: Amanda Ketcher, Lisa Curry, Andrew Aliferakis, Matt Zaleski, Sean Cash, Sarah Myers, Jena Dines



"In S.A.D.D. we encouraged everyone to think about their decisions before they made them. A bad decision could have ended your life or someone else's life" - Matthew Zaleski (12)

Front Row: Melissa Geagan, Emily Booth, Brittany Mallory, Daniela Duddeska, Karmis Key, Bri Senecko, Barb Panizzo  
2nd Row: Melissa Machowicz, Lisa Knopf, Jordan Putz, Lauren Hagberg, Sandy Veljanoski, Amber Jansson, Sarah Pyle  
Back Row: Doug Machalk, Rachel Lewis, Laura Maurer, Mark Baumgardner, Tim Bosel, Jonathan Zunica, Ashley Young, Janelle Wilkoughby



"In H.E.R.O. we ran the meetings with parliamentary procedure. It was a lot of fun helping out the community." - Amber Jansson (12)

Front Row: Kristyn Loudermilk, Alexis Charizopoulos, Sarah Goettge, Sarah Guard, Marisa Fernandez, Sidra Malik, Meredith Swan  
2nd Row: Mallory Govert, Kelly Schwartz, Diane Cervantes, Patty Solorzano, Brieger Buckley, Katie Francis, Shannon Morfin, Jason Pelton, Mandy Rowe  
3rd Row: Andrea Sealey, Francine Humbert, Dan Stanko, Jill Ballard, Kelly Stankowski, Collette Ivey, Ryne Emory, Jena Dines, Nira Singh, Jen Overhage  
4th Row: Samantha Gregory, Kristyn Frost, Emily Bilka, Janelle Brosius, Ashley DalCorobbo, Aubrey Bonhivert, Kristin Zych, Michelle Baloski, Heather Luebecke, Teri Rosenbaum, Lauren Moore-Dowd, Georganne Weber  
Back Row: Nick Doffin, Jamie Rotroff, Amy Enslin, Brent Brown, Mike Stanek, John Horst



"Key club was a good opportunity to help people and our community. It was actually really fun, and I enjoyed being in it." - Natalie Mullins (9)



We join forces

# Lending A Hand ~~to~~ those in need

Volunteering and donating: these words described the Key Club, S.A.D.D., and H.E.R.O. organizations. Key club hosted a Halloween party for the elementary students in the area, and maintained a weekly paper recycling program for the entire school. "It was a good feeling knowing that you helped out people on your own time, under your own will," said Calli Schott (9).

H.E.R.O. students packed their half day school and half day work schedule with many activities including a food drive for Thanksgiving, visits to the St. Anthony's Hospital, and collecting money for the New York Disaster Relief Fund. "We also held a soup kitchen in January and served food to the less fortunate," said Barb Panizzo (12).

S.A.D.D. focused on helping students make smart choices. "At meetings we discussed problems that dealt with peer pressure and ways we could raise money for the community awareness programs," said Kathleen Shaw (12).

- Lauren Angel

**Memory Lane** Taking a break, Jordan Putz (12) admires a toy truck. Putz was a member of H.E.R.O. and helped to wrap the presents collected for the Angel Tree children. "The toys were so cool. I wished I'd had them when I was little," said Putz. photo by Maritza Mota

**sorting out** As they prepare to wrap presents, Lauren Hagberg (12) Mrs. Sharon Aldrich (HERO) and Sandy Veljanoski (12) mark off items on a child's Christmas wish list. "Working together with my friends made everything much more fun," said Hagberg. photo by Maritza Mota

**rolling bikes** H.E.R.O students Melissa Machowicz (12) and Nicole Chirillo (12) wheel out a new bike for a needy child. "I enjoyed helping to organize events that were helpful to other people," said Chirillo. photo by Maritza Mota

H.E.R.O., S.A.D.D., & Key Club

Student trainer Julie Gettler (10) cuts a piece of tape for Chad Pruzin's (11) ankle. Gettler hoped being a trainer would prepare her for a career in athletic training. photo by Jessica Koscielniak

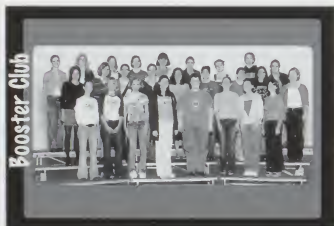
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"We tried to promote growth and development in our spiritual lives while still havng fun."

-Michael Stanek (12)

**Front Row:** Sarah Blow, Amanda Ketcher, Ashley Gora, Andrea Sealy, Sierra Govert, Amanda Wilson, Lindsay Gora, Nicholas Friedman, Alyss Mueller, Rebecca Duncun **2nd Row:** Nikki Lee, Melanie Partak, Richard Sauerma, Amy Enslen, Elizabeth Brown, Racheal Smith, Lindsey Kortas, Mallory Pals, Steven Schelfo, Kendra Hand, Natalie Williams **3rd Row:** Terri Rosenbaum, Shanna Schmelter, Renee Synder, Elizabeth Lewis, Nicholas Doffin, Kathleen Brown, Emily Ketcher, Daniella Bueck, Laura Buchelt, Elizabeth Johnson, Missy Kiefer **Back Row:** Missy Williams, Brian Maxwell, Elisabeth Hoernig, Erick Andersen, Kevin Klien, Michelle Smith, Ryan Forsythe, David Jacobs, Erin Buchelt, Mike Smith



"The best thing was seeing the finished product after we had worked so hard preparing for Homecoming."

-Rebecca Wilk (11).

**Front Row:** Stephanie McDaniel, Julie Gettler, Dessa Rattray, Stephanie Savell, Kimberly Conway **Back Row:** Tara Wietrock, Jeffrey Modrowski, Joseph Gettler, Amanda Schaller. Not Pictured: Brittany Barker



"I knew that being a student trainer would help me in the future, since I wanted to be a Athletic Trainer."

-Amanda Schaller (10)





# Students Take *Time* To Help Others

**T**aping ankles, applying second skin on blisters, dispensing ice packs and caring for broken bones included a few of the many responsibilities of the student trainers. Student trainers worked side by side with the athletes watching out for the injured during games and practices. It was thier duty, along with head trainer Trent Trump, to help student athletes prevent sports related injuries. "Being a trainer was like having a job; I put in almost 35 hours a week," said Julie Gettler(10).

Gathering for worship, fun, and service projects, which included Habitat For Humanity's Christmas in September and Adopt A Family, Fellowship of Christain Athletes worked to recruit members. "We tried to expand FCA

by getting different people involved, no matter what denomination," said Amy Ensen (12). FCA held its "See You at the Pole" event around school's Flagpole where people came to pray for the September 11th victims. -Jessica Koscielniak

**before games** To add a little extra support, freshman Ryan Brown (9) gets his wrist taped by Jeffrey Modrowski(10) prior to basketball practice. Modrowski served as a trainer for both the football and basketball teams. photo by Jessica Koscielniak

**leading them** Senior Leaders Michael Stanek, Amy Ensen, and Rachel Smith conduct an FCA meeting before school. FCA members gathered throughout the week to listen to spiritual music and learn about God's word. photo by Jessica Koscielniak

**wrapped wishes** Emily Tromp (12) and Michelle Smith (9) wrap the Christmas presents that the group purchased for their Adopt a Family child. Fellowship of Christain Athletes also participated in Habitat for Humanity projects. photo submitted by Amy Ensen

FCA, Trainers & Booster Club

# Musicians share embarrassing tales

Famed band camp stories from the box office hit *American Pie*, were merely that; famed stories (as in fictitious tales) but the stories from band members were definitely reality. "During class, I got knocked in the head. I felt a little lightheaded, but didn't think much about it, until I passed out and knocked my teeth out," said Casey Underwood (9).

According to the band members, it was evident that there were two dominant outcomes of such an event; either embarrassment to such a great extent that reference to the event was made throughout the entire year, or embarrassment to such a low extent that the next happening completely wiped all traces of the mishap from the onlookers memories. As explained by Kenneth Easton (12), the following story was that of the lesser. "Earlier this year, I had a bari-sax solo at the beginning of a song. I played roughly half of the song in high-pitched squeaks." Carolyn Dienes (10) said, "I went up the stairs to get on stage for our concert when I tripped and ripped my skirt." -

Claudia Rhye

**sounding off** Eric Bernacchi (9) and Kevin Pruett (9) spend last hour in band class with their french horns. "I'm not the usual band type, but I enjoy playing," said Bernacchi. photo by Claudia Rhye



Concert Band



Front Row: Victoria Wheeler, Danielle Seifert, Kathleen Porwinski, Jamie Rotroff, Tia Stedman, Kelly Schwartz, Lindsey Pavlovick 2nd Row: Jason Reutter, Casey Underwood, Courtney Hamilton, Rachelle Wilbur, Kendra Hand, Meredith Bradford, Meg Eaton, Tony Baronic, Lauren Armenia 3rd Row: Dan Libauskas, Eric Bernacchi, Heather Pouton, Kristen Klein, Carly Halon, Renee Snyder, Jana Hamilton, Leann Hood, Patrick Riley, Brett Christian 4th Row: Kori Ashley, George Mavrelis, Adam Steuer, Drew Machowicz, Melanie Witt, Amy Davis, Jeff Modrowski, Jeremy Miller, Walter Williams Last Row: Jeffery Beck, Wayne Stanton, Matt Maloney, Amy Katinowicz, Kevin Pruett, Kenneth Easton, Brian Maloney, Andrew Schrum, Michelle Smith, Mark Halise

Jazz Band



Front Row: Tom Reed, Giulia Vicari, Mervyn Baronic, Mike Mastervich, Laura Dragon, Mick Friedman, Kevin Lambert 2nd Row: Laura Retson, Amber Bacavis, Matthew Eaton, Chris Base, John Derklmann, Jeffrey Lambert, John Foster, Anthony Baronic Last Row: Andy Schrum, Kimberly Driver, Chase Overbecker, Joe Gerischer, Kyle Trusgnach, Michael Ferraro, Peter Besette



hard at work

Anthony Barenie (9) plays his trumpet during his seventh hour band class. "Band has been in my family since my dad played in it, and I plan to stay in it at least through high school.", said Barenie. photo by Claudia Rhye



tuning up

Tickling the ivory keys, Andrew Balicki (11) concentrates on the music. "Band was a break from usual school studies and classes," said Balicki. photo by Claudia Rhye

loud & proud

Sean Highsmith (10) accompanies Kimberly Driver (10) along with other members of the band. "Band gave me a chance to relax and actually enjoy my day," said Driver. photo by Jessica Koscielniak



Intermediate Band

Front Row: Rebecca Duncan, Lauren Armenta, Christina Hiff, Amy Shop, Melinda Wilbanks, John Fister, Lauren Kocher, Bret Soto, Jessica Warick, Samantha Narjes, Amanda Wilson, Jena Dines, Peg Shaffer 2nd Row: Jessica Conley, Graham Koch, Sean Gertsch, Matthew Budge, Laura Pisowicz, Stacy Matwaring, Jennifer Kocher, Rachel Dunc, Anna Argaline, Pat Hanz, Adrienne Luger, Sarah Whiteside Last Row: Carolyn Dines, Pat Snakely, James Saunders, Kimberly Dever, Richard Atkins, Stephen Somers, Anne Sheppard, Sean Highsmith, Brenton Harris, Derek Remlinger, Teresa Kaminski



Adv Concert Band

Front Row: Nikki Lee, Corlene Manger, Kelly Harlow, Ashley Amodeo, Kelly Underwood, Amy Enslin, Sarah Shebish, Michelle Retson 2nd Row: Ashley Gayer, Stephanie Hardman, Nazeera Mohammed, Chris Bane, Caitlin Lincourt, Meredith Bradford, Laura Dragon, Laura Retson, Kevin Lambert, Mick Friedman, Erin Nault, Katherine Messing 3rd Row: Mrs. Peggy Shaffer, Matt Eaton, Garrett Willis, Amy Marsh, Amber Bacaris, Angela Telesco, Kelly Skukowski, Megan Mulholland, Rachel Smith, Sarah Blow, Jill Ballard, Mervyn Barenie, Lea Yelich 4th Row: Stephanie Dennis, Sara Diekmann, Elizabeth Lewis, Emily James, Melissa Baumbardner, Sarah Gilles, Jeff Lambert, Steve Hamilton, Christine Peterson, Elizabeth Beemsterboer, Emily Tromp, Sarah Laikford, Collette Ivey 5th Row: Amber West, Brianna Wirtz, Jason Daseler, Wayne Stanton, Jacob Sumner, Adam Krumwied, Brian Maxwell, Andrew Wilson, Matt Maloney, John Dieckmann, Seth Banstian, Leslee Zora Last Row: Diana Burgess, Elisabeth Hoernig, Aaron Falschich, Peter Besette, Dave Huber, John Horst, Trey Williams, Marc Bonich, Kyle Trugnisch, Lucas Bridman, Andrew Balicki, Justin Boyd, Elizabeth Besette

## Marchin' To A Beat Of Their Own

A love of music caused about 150 students to join the Royal Regiment and Pep Band. Whether entertaining the crowds at the football games or creating spirit at basketball games, members found pleasure in being part of a band. "I enjoyed playing my instrument to root on the teams," said Brianna Wirtz (11).

Colorguard added to the choreography of the marching band. "Junior year was my first year, and I'm really sorry I didn't join earlier. We had a great time at the competitions and the team got along well," said Laurel Poulsen (11). In competition, Royal Regiment advanced to Regionals with their program called Bernstein's Mass. Trips together helped solidify friendships. "Marching Band gave me a chance to hang out with my friends," said Sarah Blow (11).

Pep band members played before basketball game, between the games and during time outs. They even took requests from the players. In addition to pumping up the crowd with songs like "Mission Impossible," "I Love Rock and Roll," and "Smooth," the group dedicated "Roll Out" to forward Josh Rattray (12). "I was excited," said Rattray.

Marching along

While marching around the square, drumline members Ryan Klobucar (11), Daniel Lambert (10), and Sarah Whiteside (10), help keep the Royal Regiment in step. The band performed in the Homecoming parade in October.

photo by Sarah Pasyk



Royal Regiment



Front Row: Emily Tromp, Meredith Bradford, Elizabeth Erickson 2nd Row: Melissa Lincourt, Megan Mulholland, Erin Nault, Meg Eaton, Tia Stedman, Jamie Rotroff, Collette Ivey, Amanda Ashley, Emily Jones, Sarah Blow, Matt Eaton, Giulia Vicari, Garrett Willis, Jen Roeder, Amanda Wilson, Sarah Diekmann, Anne Sheppard, Jill Ballard, Rachel Smith, Angela Tedesco, Ashley Guyer, Krystle Golumbeck 3rd Row: Missy Lucas, Katlin May, Christine Peterson, Corinne Mauger, Leslie Zona, Brianna Wirtz, Laura Dragoin, Melissa Baumgardner, Becky Duncan, Diana Burgess, Sarah Gilles, Sean Gertsch, Jenna Dines, Kori Ashley, Lindsey Pavlovick, Kelly Schwartz, Ten Rosenbaum, Emily Bilka, Courtney Hamilton, Liz Beemsterboer, Stephanie Denis, Caitlin Lincourt, Kristen Johnson, Melissa Burgess 4th Row: Savan Thomas, Marc Bonach, Dan Lambert, Eric Akey, Rachel Hulen, Heather Poulten, Amy Davis, Jana Hamilton, Drew Machowicz, Renee Snyder, Luke Brittain, Eddie Klingberg, Dave Huber, Ryan Klobucar, Jeff Beck, John Host, Rick Atkins, Sarah Whiteside, John Diekmann, Mike Ferraro, Chris Bane, Sarah Shebosh 5th Row: Alexis Auello, Graham Koch, Nick Friedman, Andy Serbin, Troy Barrie, Jason Reutter, Justin Boyd, Merv Bannin, Jeff Lambert, Andy Balicki, Naseema Mohammed, Laura Ament, Kyle Trippisch, Bret Christian, Kim Driver, Derek Remling, John Fister, Brian Maxwell, Bryan Martin, Elisabeth Hoernig, Katie Messing, Carly Halen, Alysa Mueller 6th Row: Maritza Mota, Casey Underwood, Sabrina Morgan, Seth Bosian, Amy Marsh, Matt Maloney, Amber Bacaviz, Peter Besette, Joe Gerscher, Kevin Lambert, Jacob Sumner, Andy Wirtz, Elizabeth Besette, Sean Highsmith, Laura Retson, Melissa Ferrara. Back Row: Kim Siegall, Katie Braggs, Kan Winge, Kendra Hand, Kristen Klein, Jessica Grevis, Caitlin Keri, Colleen Cash, Nolan Szalmassagi, Andrew Wilson, Amber West, Brenton Harris, Jeff Modrowski, Katie Uewin, Laurel Poulsen, Catherine Argandine, Marisa Fernandez, Stephanie Meyers, Laura Feder, Gabrielle Fraire.



We join forces



full of color

During half time, Melissa Lucas (10) performs a drop spin while music from Bernstein's Mass is played. Lucas won the "Best Rookie of The Year" award. photo by Titak

jawling away

On lead guitar, Chase Overbeeke (11) plays before the girls' basketball game against Portage. He also played for Jazz Band.

photo by R. Overbeeke

showing pep

At the varsity basketball game, Megan Mulholland (11) and Caitlin Lincourt (11) play with the pep band.

Both girls marched with the Royal Regiment as well. photo by R. Overbeeke

Pep Band

Front Row: Missy Lucas, Kristen Johnson, Amanda Wilson, Kevin Lambert, Katie Messing, Jena Dines, Lindsey Pavlovick, Heather Poulton. 2nd Row: Bret Sodo, Nick Friedman, Sarah Whiteside, Amy Marsh, Courtney Hamilton, Kelly Sankowski, Jill Ballard, Lauren Armenta, Becky Duncan. 3rd Row: Laura Dragon, Vicki Wheeler, Melinda Wilbanks, Sarah Blow, Jen Roebor, Tony Baranie, Nikki Lee, Melanie Witt. 4th Row: Giulia Vicari, Amber Bacavis, Sean Gertsch, Sara Dieckelmann, Renee Snyder, Sarah Gilles, Dana Burgess, Jessica Conley, Graham Koch, Caitlin Lincourt, Nasreena Mohammed. 5th Row: Kristen Klein, Wayne Stanton, Drew Mechowicz, John Dieckelmann, Brianna Wirtz, Jason Dauster, Pat Snakey, Andy Schrum, Jeff Lamben, Carly Hake, Matt Maloney, Seth Bostian. Back Row: Kim Driver, Christine Peterson, Justin Boyd, Andrew Wilson, Luke Brislian, Chase Overbeeke, Nolan Szalmasagi, Peter Besette, Elizabeth Besette, Elisabeth Hoernig, Brian Maxwell.

Color Guard

Front Row: Mantra Mota, Melissa Burgess, Emily Tromp, Beth Erickson, Katie Bragg, Susan Thomas, Krystle Golmbeck, Melissa Lincourt. 2nd Row: Sarah Shebish, Marisa Fernandez, Kristen Johnson, Alysa Mueller, Katy Argadine, Nikki Lee, Melissa Ferrara, Laurel Poulsen, Kim Stegall, Alexis Aiello, Missy Lucas, Kaitlyn May. Back Row: Carly Hake, Kristen Klein, Stephanie Meyers, Caitlin Kerr, Gabrielle Fraire, Colleen Cash, Laura Feder, Katie Unwin, Kari Wilson, Kendra Hand, Jessica Grevis. Not Pictured: Meredith Bradford.

**on stage** Abbey Mummery (12), Jason Dasseler (12) and David Parrish (11) show off their dancing skills to "Boogie Woogie Santa" during the concert held for the student body before the winter holidays. All three sang in the spring musical as well. photo by R. Overbeeke

**Front Row:** Lauren Kocher, Kristina Vlassopoulos, Allys Mueller, Rebecca Duncan, Melissa Burgess, Shana Laninga, Kelly Bielak **2nd Row:** Julie Jagodzinski, Jamie Mislan, Stephanie Savelli, Kara Wotherspoon, Elizabeth Mowry, Emily Rashin, Jason Pelton, Jorie Arnold, Andrea Seeley **3rd Row:** Joshua Oresko, Myles Handley, Breonne Goodman, Christopher Coe, James Larson, Adam Heintzman, Amanda Wirtz, Sara Dieckelmann, Jena Dines, Johnathon Ramos **Back Row:** Kristopher Babic, Miladin Crnkovic, Seth Henderson, Anne Sheppard, Milos Pusara, Kimberly Driver, Joel Havard.



**Mixed Choir**  
"I enjoy mixed choir because my teacher is really cool and funny."  
- Seth Henderson (9)

**Front Row:** Jose Barajas, Cassandra Smith, Jillian Echterling, Perla Barajas, Dawn Vaupel, Jessica Cunningham, Amanda Muir, Kristen Johnson, Diane Cervantes **2nd Row:** Katherine Olsen, Jennifer Seifert, Maggie Fredericks, Samantha Shea, Dimitrios Prudakis, Kimberly Conway, Kevin McBride, Melissa Lucas **3rd Row:** Stacy Luckey, Emily Bilka, Daniel Burke, Kari Winge, Colleen Carroll, Katie Unwin, Mallory Pals, Natalie Coros, Julie Mills, Nectaria Aliferakis **Back Row:** Michael Parrish, Michael Garrett, Robert Bruno, Christopher Salazar, Seth Henderson, Mark McInerney, Timothy Brehmer, Erik Andersen, Andrew Schrum.



**Mixed Choir**  
"The thing that I enjoy the most about mixed choir is the performances"  
- Robert Bruno (12)

**Front Row:** Shana Laninga, Abby Mummery, Courtney Bright, Ashleigh Robbins, Tracey Farnsworth, Jamie Kooi, Kathleen Shaw, Melissa Burgess, Kelly Bielak **2nd Row:** Katherine Messing, Marika Barman, Andrew Schrum, Elizabeth Camp, Joshua Oresko, Michael Parrish, Joe Anello, Kimberly Stegall, Naseema Mohammed **3rd Row:** Matthew Eaton, David Parrish, Edward Klingberg, Jamie Jansen, Tracey Johnson, Carey Ciochina, Jessica Cunningham, Mallory Pals, Caitlin Lincourt **Back Row:** Christopher Salazar, Michael Ferraro, Chase Overbeeke, Andy Wirtz, Kenneth Easton, Joseph Gerischer, Ryan Allen, Jason Dasseler, Erik Anderson



**Show Choir**  
"I joined show choir because I love to dance, and I love to sing. So it is an opportunity to do both."  
- Chris Salazar (9)



## Song, dance routines *entertain* audiences

*I*magine standing in front of the student body singing a solo. Every eye in auditorium full of fellow students, teachers, and parents is trained upon you. For Mixed Choir members Whitney Brown, Marika Barman, Brittney Pritchard, and Amanda Endris this was reality. The four girls each sang solo sections in "All I Want for Christmas is You" at the Christmas concert. Barman said, "I was nervous. I felt proud that I was picked to sing a solo in front of the school though." The choir performed a '60s medley at Spring Sing.

During the holidays, show choir performed their song and dance routines at two churches, St. Anthony's Hospital and at two concerts held at school. Mallory Pals (10) said, "I had a great time. We did some fun numbers like 'Boogie Woogie Santa Claus.'" The group also incorporated sign language

in their performance of "Peace in this House" and boogied to "Soul Man" during the All-City concert and Spring Sing where Andy Wirtz (12) and Chase Overbeeke (11) sang solos. -**Brittany Jillson**

**Singing** tenor during the Christmas concert, Jose Barajas (9) and Kyle Shimko (11) sing "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen." Barajas had been singing for two years in the choir and said he originally joined the musical group because his sister, Pearla who was also in Mixed Choir. photo by R. Overbeeke

**In sync** While performing the song "Peace in this House." Kimberly Stegall (11), Kathleen Shaw (12), and Caitlin Lincourt (11) speak with their hands. The show choir used sign language to convey the message while David Parrish (11) sang solo. photo by R. Overbeeke

**In style** In the middle of the stage Kenneth Easton (12) and Ashleigh Robbins (12) perform "Baby it's Cold Outside" during the Christmas concert. Both students captured leads in the Musical *Damn Yankees* in the spring. photo by R. Overbeeke

Show Choir & Mixed Choir

Kera Boog (12) plays the song "I Hope You Dance" at the All-city concert. "I had been playing the piano for 9 years and it had been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. I enjoyed writing my own music too." photo by R. Overbeeke

**Front Row:** Kara Wotherspoon, David Parrish, Kelly McMahon, Courtney Bright, Alexis Aiello, Melissa Burgess, Steven Schello, Rachel Hulen, Chauncey Kautz. **2nd Row:** Nascema Mohammed, Kimberly Stegall, Joseph Anello, Melissa Baumgardner, Jamie Mislan, Kelly Sapota, Elizabeth Camp, Nicholas Hoffman. **3rd Row:** Kristin Zych, Jenny Hughes, Andrew Wring, Abby Mummary, Megan Mulholland, Edward Klingberg, Stephanie Gorky, Kathleen Shaw, Katherine Briggs, Laura Buchelt, Chris Coe, Georganne Weber. **4th Row:** Jamie Kooi, Elizabeth Erickson, Michael Ferraro, Jennifer Guard, Marshall Back, Porco Overbeeke, Justin Boyd, James Larson, Matthew Eaton, Tracey Farnsworth, Ashleigh Robbins, John Fister, Jesse Brosius. **Back Row:** Kera Boog, David Davison, Jason Dasieler, Marc Bonich, Sean O'Drobinak, Chase Overbeeke, John Beauchamp, Kenneth Eaton, Ryan Allen, Andrew Wirtz, Joseph Gerischer, Ryan Voyles, Ross Compton.



"It was fun to hang out with my friends, sing and perform in front of family and friends."  
-Edward Klingberg (11).

**Front Row:** Laura Frederick's, Jeannette Frankovich, Emily Rashin, Kristin Zych, Lauren Hack. **2nd Row:** Ashley Madaczky, Amanda Wilson, Lauren Armenta, Anna Egoiske, Tracy Werbo, Melissa Casteel, Sarah Shebish, Kristin Lessner, Natalie Holtzinger. **3rd Row:** Nikki Lee, Katherine Messing, Caitlin Walsh, Caitlin Lincourt, Amanda Endris, Natalie Stypula, Whitney Brown, Sabrina Morgan, Sarah Blow, Ashley Guyer. **4th Row:** Amanda Schaller, Marika Barman, Jamie Worst, Amber Systma, Brooke Jones, Laura Retson, Erin Chick, Kathryn Seacore, Rachel Hulen, Heather Millman. **Back Row:** Erin Buchelt, Britney Pritchard, Tracy Johnson, Brianna Wirtz, Colleen Cash, Elisabeth Hoernig, Jenna Henderson, Laura Feder, Rosa Vengas, Jaime Jansen, Carey Ciochma.



"I really liked being in a class with all girls because we got along and had fun."  
- Nicole Garza (11).

**Front Row:** Kristyn Loudermilk, Colleen Santay, Miranda Schumann, Sarah Goettge, Patricia Solerzano, Samantha Hall, Jessica Benge, Courtney Xidis, Angela Griffith, Yvonne Holman, Tiffany Marero, Alyssa Arambula, Melissa Lincourt. **2nd Row:** Priscilla Smith, Gabrielle Johnson, Jamie Rotroff, Kathryn Angelucci, Stephanie McDaniel, Lauren Fatchild, Rebecca Foley, Ashley Gora, Jenna Slesinski, Margaret Eaton, Tia Stedman, Kaitlin May. **3rd Row:** Kiahna Key, Stephanie Ruggeri, Allison Moore, Jessica Grevis, Kristina Snyder, Erica Montgomery, Calli Schott, Kendra Hand, Kimberly Sparrow, Kristin Schuster, Jessica Monix, Kelly Schwartz, Valerie Noak. **4th Row:** Andrea Popp, Erin Perkins, Katelyn Carrell, Maggie McKay, Jessica Stiner, Leslie Duggan, Lauren Moore-Dowd, Amanda Perry, Stacey James, Amy Noy, Jessie Zaccr, Lauren Nottingham, Sarah Eschler, Abigail Link. **Back Row:** Nicole Singer, Heather Poulton, Jessica Martin, Renee Snyder, Amy Davis, Aubrey Bonhavent, Sarah Hebel, Maria Garcia, Ashley DalCorobbo, Tanya Montoya, Samantha Kovacic, Dana Monroe, Jessica Wilson.



"I enjoyed choir because it is fun. I like to sing and be in the concerts because they are enjoyable."  
- Meg Eaton (9).



We join forces





# Singing brings joy to choir members

Music filled with enough harmony to challenge even the most experienced singer contributed to the success of the Treble, Freshman and Concert choirs.

Each choir performed a variety of spiritual, folk, and classical pieces and even a few show tunes. Treble choir sang a medley of "girl power" songs at Spring Sing. "I like being in a class with all girls because it was nice to see everyone get along and not have to worry about any guys," said Courtney Carstens (11). The Concert choir, which required an audition for admittance, won 12th place at the ISSMA competition. "I loved to sing and be on stage. Singing was what I wanted to do," said Ashleigh Robbins (12). Incoming ninth grade girls joined the freshmen choir. At Spring Sing

they performed an '80s medley. "The choral department offered many varied opportunities to students," said Mrs. Joanne Haley-Borodine (choir). **-Rosa Venegas**

At the All-City concert held in February, Concert Choir members Jenelle Brosius (12), Melissa Baumgardner (12), Jennifer Guard (12), Pierce Overbeeke (11), Chauncey Kasmark (11) and Davison (12) sing a hymn called "Lamentations of Jeremiah." An audition was required to be a member of the Concert Choir. photo by R. Overbeeke

performing

During class time, Tiffany Marrero (9) and Valerie Noak (9) practice the song *A Jingle Bell Rock*. During the Christmas concert, Director Joanne Borodine said this was one of the best freshman choirs ever. Most sang for the choirs at Taft Junior High before coming to the high school. photo by Titak

Showing off the treble choirs' new robes and performing a solo section, Carey Ciochina (10) sings the song "There Is No Rose" at the Holiday concert. "When I sang the solo I was nervous at first, but I got over it, and I really enjoyed myself." Ciochina also sang in the Show Choir, danced on the varsity dance team, and performed in the spring musical, *Damn Yankees*. photo by Titak

on her own

Freshman, Treble & Concert Choir

## Orchestra *relieves* everyday stress

With all the stress high school students dealt with throughout the day, many needed a way to express themselves. Orchestra, both Advanced and Freshman, provided students with the opportunity to further their musical skills while having fun.

Although the reason for joining orchestra varied for each student, the majority said they joined because of their love of music. Michael Stanek (12) said, "The best part of playing a musical instrument was the challenges and the rewarding feeling you got when you met those challenges."

Another aspect these students shared included their dedication to daily practices. Some even planned to continue playing music after graduation. Justin Wilk (9) said, "My goal was to become a professional jazz violinist."

The orchestra won a 1st Division at the ISSMA competition held in April, but did not qualify for state level competition. "We were really well-prepared. Everyone tried really hard, but I wish we could have made it to State." -Jessica Bixeman

True friends

"My favorite part is meeting others with the same interests," said Melissa Lucas with Alexandria Mossbarger (10). Lucas had been playing the violin for six years. photo by Maritza Mota



Intermediate Strings



Front Row: Jacqueline Mohr, Andrea Hardman, Paul Steeb, Jeffery Curto, Melissa Lincourt, Amber Cooper; 2nd Row: Lois Cross, Kevin McBride, Jennifer Overhage, Heather Skekloff, Cindy Grant, Jake Sidwell, Krystal Golmbeck, Miranda Schramm, Cassandra Smith, Melissa Ferrara; 3rd Row: Sarah Hargis, Kristen Kleinm Candace Walton, Krystin Blim, Christine Shimkus, Michael Mastervich, Ryan Gullett, Calli Schott, Sara Reusze, Jessica Hurtado. Back Row: Brenna Banister, Samantha Brimhall, Mallory Vanderpol, Justin Wilk, Alexander Roberts, Michael Zemelko, Timothy Jacobs, Kevin Heiser, Nicholas Danjanovic, Samantha Gregory, Katherine Babich.

Winds and Percussion



Front Row: Sarah Shebish, Sarah Blow, Collette Ivey, Kelly Sankowski, Nikki Lee, Stephanie Hardman, Laura Dragoin, Michelle Retson; 2nd Row: Katherine Messing, Angela Tedesco, Ashley Amodeo, Anthony Barenie, Bret Sodo, Amber Bacavis, Laura Retson, Ashley Guyer, Mt Deal; Back Row: Sarah Whiteside, John Dickelmann, Kelly Harlow, Justin Boyd, Peter Bessette, Elizabeth Bessette, Elisabeth Hoernig, Elizabeth Beemsterboer, Jena Dines.

double duty

Kristen Johnsen (10) plays the violin during fourth hour Orchestra class. Johnsen was also a member of

Chamber Orchestra.

photo by Maritza Mota

break time

While performing at the Christmas concert, Kristin Frost (12) and Samantha Gregory (9) take a rest. The two also performed at several elementary schools. photo by Maritza Mota

last minute

Performing for the student body, Tara Weitbrock (10) and Kristin Frost (12) play a Christmas tune. The orchestra won a 1st Division at the ISSMA contest. photo by R. Overbeek

Chamber Orchestra



Orchestra



Front Row: Melissa Lucas, Meredith Bradford, Emily Ketcher, Ann Walter, Caitlin Walsh, Alexandra Mossburger  
2nd Row: Kristin Frost, Mike Stanek, Jenelle Brosius, Nick Doffin, Renee Rysiewicz, Giniia Vicari, Mr. Deal  
Back Row: Samantha Gregory, Michael Ferraro, Steven Andreoli, Mike Zemmelko, Kevin Heiser, Justin Wilk.

Front Row: Renee Rysiewicz, Meredith Bradford, Kristen Johnsen, Melissa Lucas, Caitlin Walsh, Tara Weitbrock, Collette Ivey, Missy Kiefer, Alexandra Mossburger, Melissa Burgess, Giniia Vicari 2nd Row: Amber Altop, Erica DeGoey, Ryne Emory, Reanna Borchert, Katie Braggs, Erin Crowley, Gabriella Fraire, Amanda Siple, Jason Gross, Ann Walter, Meredith Swan, Teri Rosenbaum 3rd Row: Ryan Sandbach, Nectaria Aliferakis, Rachel Cooley, Kristin Frost, Rick Sauerman, Marika Barman, Chloe Walton, Mike Stanek, Brent Brown, Courtney Borhivert, Amanda Valentino, Emily Ketcher Back Row: James Larson, Jill Palorey, Kristen Gondek, Jenna Henderson, Ryan Armstrong, Steven Andreoli, Joshua Damjanovic, Mark McInerney, Ben Freeman, Mike Ferraro, Kim Sykes, Jenelle Brosius, Nick Doffin.

# Students study different cultures

"Que Pasa," could often be heard from the mouths of those 1st year Spanish students who were excited that they could utter a phrase in Spanish. Second year students spent more time studying culture, and the third and fourth year students concentrated on grammar and reading. Spanish club, however provided extra time outside of the classroom to have fun with many aspects of the culture. "At our meetings we enjoyed each others company and got to experience different kinds of ethnic food," said Lindsay Gora (11).

During the annual foreign language week the Spanish club bought the faculty and staff authentic candy from Mexico and Spain. Furthermore, the foreign language department held a banquet in the cafeteria that allowed area exchange students to meet and talk to the students. "Meeting and talking to all the kids from different countries and finding out about different cultures was interesting," said James Ashford (12). Members also raised money selling lollipops, and pointsettias for the department's annual scholarship drive. -Dale

## Packard

**in control** During a club meeting, president Kristen Gondek (12) calculates the budget for Spanish club's end of the year tally. "As president, I usually organized all the meetings and made sure the club ran as smoothly as possible," said Gondek. "We had a lot of fun shopping in Chicago. It was great to be in the club and spend time with friends." photo by Dale Packard



**Spanish Year 1**  
**Front Row:** Tanya Osika, Stephanie Bender, Lauren Nottingham, Valerie Noak **2nd Row:** Tanya Montoya, Brett Christian, Krystin Blimm, Janele Hurley, Kristen Klein, Kristen Malczewski **Back Row:** Mallory Vanderpol, Drew Machowicz, Brad Moorehead, Sarah Heberly, Jamie Rotroff



**Spanish Year 2**  
**Front Row:** Marisa Fernandez, Jocelyn Juarez, Diane Cervantes, Sarah Bixeman, Erin Kelly, Francine Humbert **2nd Row:** Claudia Rhye, Laura Retson, Ashley Guyer, Lindsay Kortas, Lindsey Morfin, Lauren Kitchell, Jena Dines, Amanda Schultz **Back Row:** Missi Burnett, Amanda Wirtz, Kevin Vlink, Nick Doffin, Chris Charizopoulos, Ashley Davis, Mary Anderson



wrap her up

At the first event of the Foreign Language Olympics, Branko Alavanja (11) wraps Lindsay Gora (11) with toilet paper in the mummy wrap game. "The event was fun even though we lost miserably," said Gora. photo by

Maritza Mota

getting down

While at the Foreign Language Olympics, Jamie Kooi (12) sees how low she can go. Kooi had been in Spanish Club for four years. photo by Sarah Pasyk

snack time

Matt McDermott (11) eats a chocolate bar from Spain during a club meeting. Ms. Carol Bangsberg, who handed the candy out, was in charge of the club. photo by Dale Packard



Spanish Year 3-4



Front Row: Lindsay Gora, Jill Ballard, Michelle Baloski, Jamie Kooi, Matt McDermott, Michelle Retson Back Row: Ms. Carol Bangsberg, Kristen Gondek, Ryan Stone, Elisabeth Hoering, James Ashford, Alison Chepela, Georganne Weber

Spanish Council



Front Row: Michelle Retson, Jill Ballard, Matt McDermott, Ashley Guyer, Ms. Carol Bangsberg Back Row: Laura Retson, Ryan Stone, James Ashford, Kristen Gondek, Jena Dines

# Shoes provide *great* hiding place

I magine leaving a pair of shoes out in the hallway during the class period. Would you be worried? As class ends, you discover that someone has left candy in your shoes. Who could it be? Well, it was another German student practicing the German tradition at Christmas time, which consisted of St. Nicholas putting candy in shoes. "We received taste tation candy in our shoes," said Stefanie Jovanoski (11).

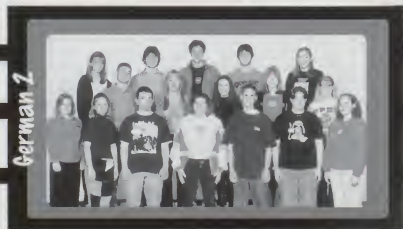
Besides teaching about the fascinating holiday, the German Club also made nutcrakers out of pringle cans, created and sampled German food including German chocolate cake, played culture games, visited a German market and learned all about German customs. "We partook in several activities which were educational and fun. My favorite was when we were given the opportunity to eat various types of German food," said Alexis Charizopoulos (12).

Club members met once per month to plan the events and activities. "Being in German club was a blast. I always looked forward to our next activity," said Sabrina Morgan (11), the clubs secretary. -Kristina Louttit

**Talking up** Talking things over with her friends, Katherine Messing (11) participates in the German Christmas activities. "I joined German club because it was a fun activity to do with my friends, I also wanted to major in German when I eventually go to college," said Messing. photo by R. Overbeeke



**Front Row :** Kathryn Smoltino, Mandy Rowe, Jessica Wirick, Jamie Mislan, Sierra Govert, Catrina Pozworski **Back Row:** Renee Snyder, Zackary Collins, Trevor Salinas, Matthew Schillo, Jamie Worst



**Front Row:** Alyss Mueller, Nicholas Bodinet, Natalie Williams, Andrew Sager, Dawn Vaupel, Rebecca Duncan **2nd Row:** Kathryn Smoltino, Mark Lemke, Mallory Pals, Melanie Parak, Rachel Cooley, Sabrina Morgan **Back Row:** Erin Mickey, Matthew Cowan, Steven Andreoli, Sean Dolan, Jenelle Brosius



hats off

David Huber (12), a.k.a. St. Nicholas, teaches the class about the German Holiday. "I liked being in German Club because of the fact that we learned so much about the culture of German people," said

Huber, photo by Ashley Madajczyk



waking up

As she gets her make up done, Kelly Cowan (12) prepares to become St. Nicholas. "I really liked taking German. It seemed like we had many parties," said Cowan, photo by R. Overbeeke

listen closely

Jovan Dukleski (10) listens to his teacher. "German has taught me about life in Germany and how they speak," said Dukleski, photo by R. Overbeeke



Front Row: Kathryn Smoltino, Sidra Milik, Edward Klingberg, Alexis Charizopoulos, Katherine Messing 2nd Row: James Jared, Renee Rysiewicz, John Dieckelmany, Michael Ferraro, Maggie Fredericks, Stephanie Dennis Back Row: Jeffery Lambert, Marc Bonich, Derek Werners, David Huber, John Horst, Mark Cooper



Kathryn Smoltino, Jeffery Lambert, Sabrina Morgan, John Horst

# Mardi Gras Unites French Club

Other than the meetings that were held every month to talk about upcoming activities, the French Club organized and participated in several events that either taught or celebrated the French culture. Some of the events included seeing a remake of the French movie *The Count of Monte Cristo*, traveling to Chicago to see the play *Les Miserables*, going out to eat at French Restaurants, listening to cultural music, cooking authentic food, and sponsoring a Mardi Gras dance. "Mrs. (Ruth Ann) Price always manages to make things fun," said Lindsey Mabry.

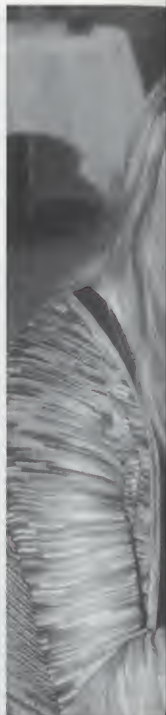
"I loved the dance that we sponsored; it gave the whole club a chance to all get together and have fun," said Angela Spadoni (12). To add to the entertainment of the night, attendees chose a king and queen of Mardi Gras, and a live band called Exit performed alternative and rock music.

President Amy Ensen (12) said the people made the club special. "My favorite thing about French Club was the people involved, especially the other officers."

-Kristina Louttit

**fun times** While eating a French meal, Jason Pelton (10), Ann Schatzman (9), Elena Theodoros (9), and Natalie Mullins (9) spend time at Bon Femme Restaurant in Merrillville. The group tried the soupe a l'oignon. "This was my first year in French club and I now know a lot more people," said Schatzman.

photo by Sarah Pasyk



French 1 &amp; 2



**Front Row:** Rebecca Schiesser, Sara Mundo, Jaimi Gibbon, Katie Graneis, Ann Schatzman. **2nd Row:** Natalie Mullins, Lauren Mishevich, Brittany Jillson, Angela Fodermiski, Jason Pelton Brittany Gloxer. **Back Row:** Jonathan Ramos, Joseph Huber, Andrew Aliferakis, James Ashford, Emily Bilka.

French 3



**Front Row:** Alice Wildes, Katherine Damanskis, Heather Schultz, Kelly Underwood, Elizabeth Camp, Lindsey Mabry, Amy Zonder, Allie Fargo. **2nd Row:** Angela Tsikouris, Sarah Pasyk, Julie Bauer, Ashley Amodeo, Amy Ensen, Megan Mulholland, Elizabeth Lisican, Zuzana Kubicova. **Back Row:** Adam Krajewski, Christopher Arges, Allison Isailovich, Lauren Rhodes, Megan Reid, Danh Dinh, Tracy Johnson.





field trip

In Chicago, Colleen Genetos (12) and Katelin Klepsch (12) try out the quiche at Cyrano's Restaurant. "French Club allowed me to get out and enjoy a whole different world," said Genetos.

photo by Sarah Pasyk



new tastes

Alice Wildes (11) and Mrs. Ruth Ann Price (sponsor) try the et pommes frites and quiche at Cyrano's. The club took a trip to see

Les *Miserables*. photo by Sarah Pasyk

down town

A few minutes before the start of *Les Miserables*, Angela Tsikouns (11) looks at crafts on Michigan

Avenue "My favorite activity was the trip to Chicago." photo by Sarah Pasyk



French 4

Front Row Colleen Genetos, Colleen Drasga, Ashleigh Robbins, Katherleen Shaw Back Row: James Larson, David Davison, Tracey Farnsworth



French club officers

Ashley Amodeo, Amy Enslen, Mrs. Ruth Ann Price, Elizabeth Camp, Sarah Pasyk

# Members try *Sushi* to anime

When choosing languages many students were turned off of Japanese because of the intimidating symbols and characters that must be learned. The few who shrugged off those fears and had an interest in Japanese culture became involved in the Japanese Club. Club members who joined did so because they had an immense interest in Japanese activities that were not available in class, such as Japanese movies, video games, and anime. "The culture was very interesting and different. I hoped to live Japan and get a job there in the near future," said club vice-president David Hanus (11).

The average meeting consisted of an activity, traditional Japanese food such as sushi, and a monthly dosage of Dance Dance Revolution. Originally found only in Japan, "Dance Dance" was a video game that involved a mat that was danced on as the person participating moved in sync with the dancer on screen. This activity might have sounded a little strange to those outside the group but for Aaron Faulstich (11) it was just different. He said, "I joined Japanese club because I wanted to try something completely new and interesting." -Dan Ostrozovich

helping hands

Enjoying her discomfort, Matt Eaton (11) and Dr. James Mola (Assistant Principal) watch Francine Humbert (10) grimace at the food she must eat in a game called "ni nin," which means two people. This was Humbert's first year as a member of Japanese Club. photo by Dan Ostrozovich



**Front Row:** Noriko Kinoshita, Carly Halon, Matt Long, Joseph Atkins, Jake Sidwell, Jaclyn Alica, Jennifer Jancosek **2nd Row:** Kristen Malczewski, Cyndi Kelsey, Tanya Montoya, Drew Machowicz, Maggie McKay, Dana Monroe, Katharine Francis **Back Row:** Christopher Abina, Casey Nelson, Christopher Cox, Thomas Kennedy, Joseph Hemphill, Nicholas Clark



**Front Row:** Caitlin Walsh, Amanda Wilson, Allison Kloss, Adam Wragg, Francine Humbert, Jena Dines, Marisa Fernandez, Nicole Hokcomb, Noriko Kinoshita **2nd Row:** Laura Drago, Teri Rosenbaum, Justin Boyd, Graham Koch, Alex Derks, Amanda Valentino, Lauren Kocher, Kari Winge, Jennifer Toner **Back Row:** David Street, Adam Krumweid, Michael Hack, Sean Highsmith, Adam Hilliard, Jordan Struebig, Anthony Patlyek



dance dance

While timing his moves just right, John Wragg (10) strives to defeat Sarah Whiteside during a bout of Dance Dance Revolution. "Dance Dance" turned out to be the favorite activity of club members. photo by Dan Ostrozovich



full future

After a week of pre-olympic organization, Daniel Stanko (11) starts the shuffle-board competition. "I can't imagine a future without the Japanese culture," said Stanko. photo by Sarah Pasyk

club rewards

While playing "jan ken," Jen Jancosek (9) and Chris Cox (11) compete. "I'm took Japanese, and I think it helped me with computers," said Jancosek. photo by Dan Ostrozovich.



Japanese 3



Front Row: Noriko Kinoshita, Theodore Beyer, Daniel Stanko, Mayu Nomi Back Row: David Hanus, Aaron Faulstich, David Hanus, Rick Atkins, Daniel Ostrozovich

Japanese 4



Front Row: Noriko Kinoshita, Mayu Nomi, Sean McDaniel Back Row: Jeffrey Nelson, Garret Willis, John Miller, Phillip Rendina, Jeffrey Phillips

## Latina est Viva iterum

Latin is alive again," according to club sponsor Mr. Jeremy Walker. Going from 64 to 99 paying members in one year may have contributed to the groups 2nd place win at the Indiana Junior Classical League (IJCL) State Latin Convention.

Three levels of competition existed in Certamen competition at the state level; novice, lower, and advanced. Daniel Burke (9) won the Individual Academic Achievement award (top five placements in the state) and took his novice level team to win the championship. "It was complete and utter shock. I didn't go to win," said Burke. "I received complements all around."

Juniors Heather Dallman and Nick Hoffman won first place in the costume competition, "The competition is representative of the many faces of Latin. It's a chance to use creative expression to interpret the characters from an ancient myth," said Dallman. The entire club as a whole won the spirit award and took second place overall. Also, 4th year student Kelly Sankowski won a silver medal on the National Latin exam. -Joe Huber

**hanging out**  
Seniors Kenny Easton, Liz Beemsterboer, Katie Braggs, and Kristin Frost play a game at a club party held on a weekend in October. "Most of the parties were held at Meridith Swan's house; they were so much fun", said Braggs. photo by Chase Overbeke.



Latin Year 1



**Front Row:** Colleen Santay, Kristyn Loudermill, Melissa Ferrara, Carly Hake, Andrea Hardman, Tia Stedman, Stephanie McDanel, Katlin May, Kevin McBride, and Gabby Johnson **2nd Row:** Lauren Fairchild, Candace Walton, Jessica Grevis, Melanie Witt, Daniel Burke, Samantha Gregory, Dustin Weill, Heather Skeloff, and Jessica Munn **3rd Row:** Scott Miller, Jeff Polk, Chachi Albrecht, Mike McDermott, Amy Noy, Audrey Bonhivent, Dave Dickerson, George Mavrelis, Mike Trybala, and Mike Mastervich **Back Row:** Teri Borys, Ben Koch, John Oreski, Andy Schrum, Chase Overbeke, Brian Maloney, Kyle Trnagich, Alex Roberts, Matt Raymond, Jeff Omdrowski, and Joel Koch.

Latin Year 2



**Front Row:** Sarah Whiteside, Natalie Holtzinger, Mike Charizopolis, Bret Soda, Melissa Cooper, Ann Walter, Alex Moschberger **2nd Row:** Rachel Hulien, Sarah Giles, Blayne Reeves, Marika Barman, Luke Bapple, Laura Pisowick, and Amanda Siple **Back Row:** Ryan Moline, Dan Artis, Ryan James, Ben Freeman, Tom Cartwright, Ryan Armstrong, Aaron Kirchhoff



anticipation

Trying to figure out how to tie his Toga, Matt Raymond participates in Latin Week where students received extra credit for dressing like the Romans. "Latin is so cool. I am already thinking of second year," said Raymond. photo

by Joe Huber.

chilling out

At the Ceremony, Mr. Art Equihua presents Aubrey Bonavert (9) with awards. Bonavert won the awards at the state convention. photo by R. Overbeeke

toga party

Mr. Jeremy Walker (Latin) helps Mike (9) Mastervich figure out how to put on his Toga. "Togas are hard to keep on. I still don't see how the Romans wore them," said Mastervich (9). photo by Joe Huber



Latin Year 3



Front Row: Stephanie Hardman, Naseema Mohammed, Danielle Dravet, Kristina Lounti 2nd Row: Sarah Shebish, Kyle Long, Jason Daseler, Katy Argadine, Laurel Poulsen, Meredith Bradford Back Row: Krystina Trimble, Sarah Scheuneman, Nick Losevski, Heather Dallman, Nick Hoffman.

Latin Year 4



Front Row: Meredith Swan, Kristin Frost, Katie Briggs, Kelly Sankowski Back Row: Mr. Ryan Collier, Seth Bostian, Kenny Easton, Liz Beemsierboer, Mr. Jeremy Walker

## Red, white ~~wherever~~ they go

It was the student athletes that played their hearts out and showed total dedication that sometimes earned them a spot on the varsity roster. On top of it all, "lettering" included all varsity sports from cross country to the dance team. "The dedication that it involved made you feel really good about being part of the group," said Danny Mellis (11). The students who lettered earned the right to wear the famous red jacket. "You felt like you had really accomplished something when you got your jacket," said Lacy Holevis (11).

Each member of Girls' Varsity Club and the Letterman's Club had to sell \$60 worth of candy to stay in the club. In turn, GVC paid for one patch each year for the athlete's jacket. "It was fun to be in a club with a bunch of other girls that participated in a sport like you did," said Kelly Rediger (12).

The involvement in these clubs also took time and dedication outside of just playing a sport. Both clubs selected officers. President Kyle Knutson (12) said, "You also had to be in the parade and then go to the banquet. It was pretty cool." **Kristina Louttit & Ryan Wilson**

blast out

Ready, set, go! Preparing for her race, Kelly Rediger (12) practices her take off from the blocks in the 100-meter run just minutes before the event. "I have been in Girls' Varsity Club ever since my freshman year," said Rediger. photo

by Joe Huber



Senior GVC



**Front Row:** Sarah Myers, Carly Schilling, Janel Henahan, Shanna Schmelter **Back Row:** Kelly Rediger, Liz Lewis, Lisa Derich, Alex Webster, Sarah Vickers

Underclassmen GVC



**Front Row:** Diane Cervantes, Joell Dixon, Lindsay Gora, Mary Galouzis, Erin Kelly, Jennifer Reeve **2nd Row:** Jorie Arnold, Kim Conway, Jessica Kosoniak, Dessa Rattray, Amanda Schaller, Julie Gettler, Sarah Eichler, Brittany Barker **3rd Row:** Nicole Coros, Erin Hostinsky, Lacy Holevis, Sheena Sum, Melissa Cooper **4th Row:** Temple Martin, Amy Zondor, Liz Mckiry, Claudia Rye, Tara Menacher, Erin Buchelt, Kelly Brown, Kim Pael, Allison Isailovich, Jamie Worst **Back Row:** Danielle Brueik, Elizabeth Brown, Daryl Packard, Heather Griffiths, Nicole Smoljan, Blayre Reeves, Carolyn Dienes, Yvonne Miller, Keri Cuculich



In the sand

**Correcting** her error, Jaime Worst (11) tries to make up strokes and hit the green. "GVC was a great organization for the girls to gain recognition for their hard work and achievements," said Worst. Worst played number four on the varsity golf team and lettered twice. photo by Titak



strategy

**Varsity** baseball player Adam Vetter(11) talks with catcher Kyle McIver (12) at a Hanover Central game. "I lettered in football and baseball," said Vetter. photo by Maritza Mota

in review

**Dance** team members watch their performance on video after the state competition where the girls took 2nd. Dance team was admitted to GVC in 1995. photo by D. Clochina



Senior Lettermen



**Front Row:** Dale Packard, Sean McDaniel, Rob Bruno, Kyle Long, Bob Bees, Niko Nyenhuus, Kevin Sendre, Matt Beilfuss **2nd Row:** Ryan Orzechowicz, Brent Brown, Kyle Knutson, Nick Camp, Carol Faulk, Brian Stokoski, David Kepperling **3rd Row:** Kevin Klein, Mr. Iddings, Ryan Kloss, Doug Conley, Josh Rattray, Paul Schmidt, Pat McInerney, Tony Rivera **Back Row:** Jeff Mills, Matt Zaleski, Chris Seleski, Trey Williams, Matt Tomzak, Kelly Fricke, Jim Smith

Underclass Lettermen



**Front Row:** Josh Suerman, Bryan Kowert, Brian Wheeler, Eric Gulbrandsen, Kevin Kasch **2nd Row:** Justin Bell, Chris Arges, Kevin Devine, Andrew Wring, Nick Hoffman, James Fastero, Aaron Rimer, Jose Desdeno, Nick Roth **3rd Row:** Mr. Iddings, Matt Cowan, Rick Plank, Greg Holliday, Dave Santelik, Corey Bush, Tim Gramenz, Matt Wise, Dan Ostrovozhich, Joe Gettler **4th Row:** Ben Freeman, Zach Mako, Doug Ricard, Johnny Pittman, Jon Krajci, Chris Sprehe, Robert Slepcevic, Cameron Reeves, Adam Hilliard **Back Row:** Adam Miller, Chris Kutanovski, Aaron Miller, Justin Staft, Adam Vetter, Nick Lozevski, Sean O'Drobnak, Mark Bonich, Craig Lozanovski, Bobby Rutherford.

# When duty calls...

## We Join Forces

The third leg runner of the four by one hundred relay, Ryan Orzechowicz (12), saw his opponent just strides ahead of him. He approached Danh Dinh (11) for the baton hand-off, but Merrillville still lead the race. All of a sudden, during Merrillville's last hand-off, the final runner fell, and Dinh received the opportunity to take the lead. The crowd and teammates rallied spirit and surrounded the track to cheer. The pole vault competition, which was still going on, temporarily stopped and the athletes ran to the sides of the track, eyes glued on Dinh. Finally, Dinh's final steps led him over the finish line to receive first place. "I finished the race and was talking to a newspaper reporter when I saw this man on the far end of the track come running at me with intense emotion. The next thing I knew, Coach Bunda jumped on me saying, 'Good job!' Way to go!" said Dinh.

The dance team, after winning second place in the state, the girls' golf team, after achieving a record of 13-1, and the football team, after their first win in two years, all celebrated their victorious moments with laughs, hugs, and tears not only with their teammates, but with the supportive fans as well. Superfans especially went out of the way to cheer on athletes and try to intimidate the opponents. And according to the athletes, the Superfans successfully completed their tasks. Football player Christopher Sprehe (11) said, "[Superfans] definitely got us ready to play by getting the adrenaline going. They also forced you to do your best because the last thing that you wanted to do was let them down." Volleyball, basketball, and softball player Amy Zondor (11) said, "They got us pumped up and it made us feel good to know that our friends' eyes were behind us. Also, they were intimidating to the other team." -Sarah Pasyk







**1. Dribbling**

the ball across Lake Central's soccer field, Lindsey Morfin (10) makes her way to the goal.

Unfortunately, the team lost the close game 0-1. photo by Titak

**2. Kaitlyn Sertich (9) works to break**

through Lake Central's press during a home game. "I remember that game because it was the first one that my sister attended when she came home from college," said Sertich. photo by Titak



**3. The high-jump bar stood at five foot**

eight inches as Nikola Lozevski (11) jumps and clears it. Lozevski placed fourth in the event against Merrillville and Portage. photo by Jessica Koscielniak

**4. On the beam, Amber Cooper (9)**

performs a handstand during a practice at Gymnastics Plus. Cooper competed in all events but preferred the bars. "It was the one I was best at," she said. photo by Maritza Mota

**5. Senior Superfans Kyle Long and**

Joshua Rattray cheer for the girls' basketball team. Rattray dressed to look like Stephanie Swanson (12), wearing a shirt with the name of her boyfriend on it, and Long wore an old Halloween costume. photo by R. Overbeek

# What were your feelings after you beat Michigan City?

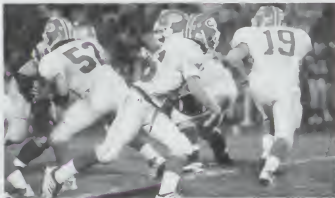


**brad Wilson, 11**

"This was the most fun I have had in two years. Scoring a touchdown in the game was the greatest feeling next to winning. The coaches brought this team, as a whole, so far. They worked so hard with us." photo by Titak

**matt Cowan, 10**

"After everything we had been through, we were finally able to get the job done. We went out there as a team and took it." photo by Titak



**sean O'Drobinak, 11**

"When I got the ball I thought, 'I just have to score.' I saw the end zone that was in diving distance, so I went for it and I got it. Afterwards, I stood up and realized that was my first varsity touchdown." photo by Titak

## Final football game delivers first victory for varsity season

As the clock ticked down to its final seconds, the score board read 28-6; at last, a victory at home. A 22-game-losing-streak shattered at the last game of the season. Screaming fans greeted the players on the field, and tears streamed down their faces. "I told them at



half time to do whatever they felt like, if they won," said Coach Chip Pettit (History). Dale Packard said, "After 22 games of disappointment, seeing everyone run out on the field after we won made us feel like we were on top of the world. It was like we had just won the State Championship down at the dome. We finally agreed. Bohr's theory was behind us." - Jessica Koscielniak





## first Down

Struggling to break free from his Hobart opponent, Aaron Miller (10) attempts to gain enough yards to get a first down. Aaron played wide receiver before sustaining an injury to his lower back which prevented him from finishing the season. photo by Titak.

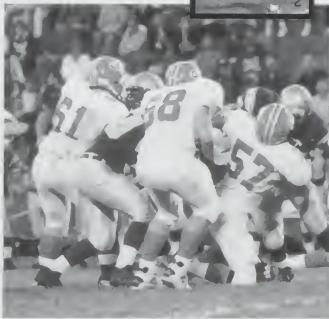


## Leading the Pack

1. Kelly Fricke (12)
2. Steve Etter (11)
3. Chris Kutanovski (11)

## getting Dirty

At the Brickie Bowl, senior linemen Brian Stokoski, Adam Reed, and Matt Zaleski tackle their Hobart opponents, preventing them from gaining enough yards for the first down. "We almost had them in the first half, but they ended up beating us 20 to 10," said Reed. photo by Jessica Koscielniek

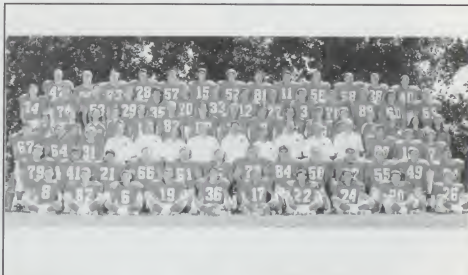


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## Speaking

### varsity Scores

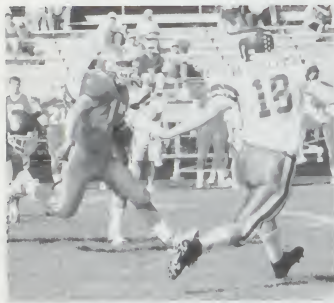
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| <b>Coach:</b>             | Mr. Chip Pettit    |
| <b>Record:</b>            | Lowell 7-14        |
| 1-9                       | East Chicago 20-28 |
| <b>Conference record:</b> | Merrillville 3-26  |
| 1-6                       | Hobart 10-20       |
| <b>MVP:</b>               | Portage 0-47       |
| Chris Kutanovski          | Valparaiso 7-45    |
| Kelly Fricke              | La Porte 7-10      |
| <b>Post Season</b>        | Chesterton 0-14    |
| <b>Sectionals</b>         | Michigan City 28-6 |
| <b>Chesterton 7-35</b>    |                    |



## varsity and junior varsity Football

Front Row: Brad Hesse, Alex Derks, Steve Etter, Eric Schultz, John Abbott, Bryan Reed, Matt Bellifus, Adam Isakovich, George Horner, Josh Easto 2nd Row: Michael Demickson, Rob Bruno, Jose Desiderio, Tim Gramenz, Brian Stokoski, Kevin Sendre, Christopher Essli, Dale Packard, Corey Bush, Tommy Porziano, Nick Hoffman, Jake Sessum, James Fistero 3rd Row: Jorge Godinez, Adam Spurlock, Caleb Rice, Coach Chris Paramangitis, Trent Triunpi, Coach Sean Granger, Coach Mark Oxell, Coach Chip Pettit, Coach Ryan Turley, Coach Craig Patterson, Coach Ray Tarnow, Mark Reed, Joe Moskovich, Dan Cox, Eric Love 4th Row: Brittany Barker, Stephanie Savell, Amanda Schuller, Joe Gettler, Ryan Zervos, Ted Wells, Mike Monrper, Doug Ricard, Chris Sprehe, Kevin Kasch, Matt Cowan, Jeff Modrowski, Desi Rutnary, Stephanie McDaniel, Tara Wietrowski 5th Row: Adam Krumwied, Riste Jakimowski, David Swenson, Jon Krajci, Eric Gulbrandsen, Aaron Miller, Chris Kutanovski, Mark Vlink, Brad Wilson, Bobby Rutherford, Carl Faulk, Adam Hilliard, Mark McInerney, Keith Dahlgren Back Row: Troy Bush, Ben Sonntag, Pat McInerney, Marc Bakotis, Matt Zaleski, Adam Vetter, Kelly Fricke, Mike LaMere, Sean O'Driscoll, Matt Tornczak, Adam Reed, Andrew Burzin, Craig Lozanowski. photo by Visual Sports Network.

# What influences helped you improve your game?



**douglass Ricard, 10**

"Football got me into shape and made me stronger. Also, I watched the linemen to see how I could improve more." photo by Titak



**joshua Easto, 10**

"This year was a really good learning experience for me. Watching and listening to the varsity players improved my football skills tremendously."

photo by Titak

**brian Reed, 10**

"I really did a lot of watching and learning this season. The older guys on the team taught me different kinds of skills. Learning these skills really helped me to improve my game, so I can hopefully play on the field Friday nights next season." photo by Titak



## Brian Maloney takes on dual roles as receiver, quarterback

When the season began for the freshman football team, **Brian**

**Maloney (9)** took the snaps as quarterback. "It was a fun season and the coaching was good,"

Maloney said. As the year progressed, by Midseason Maloney began taking less snaps and

began running down the field to receive more passes. "At first, I thought the quarterback position was pretty fun, but then I realized that I was better as a receiver." **Mike Smith (9)** took Maloney's place as a quarterback when Maloney moved on to become a receiver. Although it was difficult to switch positions as a freshman, Maloney thought it worked out well and hoped to remain a receiver. -Dale

Packard





## great Hustle

During the game with Valparaiso, Ted Wells (10) goes for the ball. Wells started all season as the J.V. team's wide receiver and played some defensive back as well. The team scored one touchdown against Valpo. photo by Titak



## Intense Players

1. Brian Maloney (9)
2. Sean O'Drobinak (11)
3. Tommy Ponziano (10)

## preparation

Before a freshman game against Valparaiso, kicker Curtis Magurean (9) prepares for kick-off by practicing his approach. Curtis played several positions including wide receiver, cornerback, and quarterback. The team lost the game on to the Vikings. photo by Jessica Koscielniak



## statistically Speaking

JV. Coach:  
Sean Granger

Record:  
2-7

Conference  
record:  
2-5

Freshmen  
Coach:  
Jim Inglehart

Record:  
2-7

Conference  
Record:  
1-6

### junior varsity Scores

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Lowell        | 14-41 |
| E.C. Central  | 14-16 |
| Merrillville  | 6-37  |
| Hobart        | 6-26  |
| Portage       | 6-28  |
| Valparaiso    | 8-23  |
| La Porte      | 8-14  |
| Chesterton    | 28-6  |
| Michigan City | 7-0   |

### freshman Scores

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Lowell        | 6-24  |
| E.C. Central  | 26-6  |
| Merrillville  | 14-28 |
| Hobart        | 20-31 |
| Portage       | 0-29  |
| Valparaiso    | 7-41  |
| La Porte      | 0-48  |
| Chesterton    | 0-32  |
| Michigan City | 26-6  |



## freshmen Football

**First Row:** Daniel Fugate, Matt Long, Curtis Magurean, Kyle Gianni, Andru Previs, Daniel Page, Nickolas Raducha, Kevin McBride **2nd Row:** Ben Kasch, Mike Gordon, Bradley Jones, Walter Williams, Kevin Heiser, Erik Risteski, Eric Seip, Jeremy Miller **3rd Row:** Coach Chris Paramantgis, Daniel Weisel, Kristopher Babic, Justin Sprehe, Brian Maloney, Steven Ellingsen, Erik Andersen, Kenneth Hays, Coach Jim Inglehart, Coach Adam Trussnig **4th Row:** Will McInerney, Christopher Bruno, Kevin Darchuck, Royce Abbott, Kyle Fricke, David Rosenwinkel, Biven Fuqua, David Dickerson **Last Row:** Justin Korthauer, Jonathan Mondron, Nickolas Parkison, Micheal Smith, Mark Patrick, Jonathan Brueck, Devon DePaoli, Kyle Caves, Josh Oresko. photo by Visual Sports Network.



# What was the most exciting thing that happened?



**erin Kelly, 11**

"The most exciting thing that happened was shooting a 40 in nine holes of golf against Lake Central. The thing I liked most about the team was that they were very encouraging... they were always there to keep me going."

photo by Titak

**jamie Worst, 11**

"It was exciting but heartbreaking when we were undefeated until we played Valpo. Also, playing with the incoming golfers." photo by Titak



**Jessica Koscielniak, 11**

"It was when I won medalist honors at the Valpo match, even though we lost. It was very exciting going to regionals as well. I got to watch my two good friends play in seven playoff holes." photo by Titak



## Girls' golf team swings into 13-1 season, two players advance to playoffs

"We've never beat Valpo, and we really wanted to," said M.V.P.

Kelley Thorsen. The girls went undefeated until the Valpo match, coming as the only loss of the season.

"The team really banded well together," said Coach Angie Smith. Thorsen and Jessica Koscielniak were the top two golfers on the team with Thorsen at number one and Koscielniak at the number two spot in the DAC.

Thorsen ranked at 27th in the state, while Koscielniak ranked 41st. The

ladies went to the regional competition

and Thorsen and Ashleigh Stochel of Andean advanced to playoffs. -Joe Huber & Ryan Wilson





### taking Aim

Elena Theodoros (9) aims for the ball to clear the lip at the Lowell match. The ladies won 193-210. Theodoros was the only freshman on the varsity squad. She said, "I thought this was the most intimidating match, next to Valpo." photo by Titak



### driving Forces

1. Jamie Worst (11)
2. Jessica Koscielniak (11)
3. Elena Theodoros (9)

### on Target

Using her seven iron, Jennifer Boris (10) aims for the hole on a par three during the match against Valparaiso. Team members said that Boris came to every varsity match even if she wasn't playing to support the team. "She was great during sectionals. She kept me calm," said Jessica Koscielniak (11). photo by Titak



## statistically Speaking

**Coach:**  
Angie Smith

**Record:**  
13-1

**Conference record:**  
6-1

**Post-season:**  
Sectional -1st  
Regional-5th

**MVP:**  
Kelly Thorsen

### varsity Scores

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Kankakee     | 189-214 |
| Lake Central | 176-180 |
| Munster      | 176-218 |
| Hanover      | 182-205 |
| Calumet      | 182-268 |
| Andrean      | 181-189 |
| Michigan     | 165-215 |
| Portage      | 180-182 |
| Merrillville | 184-260 |
| Lowell       | 193-210 |
| Hobart       | 179-225 |
| LaPorte      | 176-210 |
| Chesterton   | 204-220 |
| Valparaiso   | 194-193 |



### girls' varsity Golf

**Front Row:** Jennifer Boris, Elena Theodoros. **2nd Row:** Erin Kelly, Christina Sabato, Jessica Koscielniak, Amber Jansson, Sabrina Gettler, Elise Malczewski. **Coach** Angie Smith, Mary Miller. **Back Row:** Samantha Brimhall, Erin Lightfoot, Jamie Worst, Kelley Thorsen. photo by Visual Sports Network.

# What did you do to prepare for this season?



**megan  
Vega, 10**

*"To prepare for the soccer season, first of all, I lifted weights for strength, and then I trained with a college soccer coach. Finally, I played a season of indoor soccer with the rest of the team." photo by Joe Huber*

**joell  
Dixon, 11**

*"I have played in an indoor tournament. I went running daily, and devoted time each day to juggling." photo by Joe Huber*



**elizabeth Mowry, 10**

*"In my off season, I played indoor soccer on a premier team with people from all over. We practiced three times a week." photo by Joe Huber*



## Family atmosphere best medicine for girls' soccer team

The team ran into the goal after warming up for every game and sang the song they knew so well, Olé. On the side lines, some ate Mowry Apples, while others got ready for the opening kick. No matter what what it was, everyone contributed something to help the team push toward victory according to the players.



Whether playing for the sake of victory, for the other team mates' respect, or for themselves, team members said they always gave it their all. "Everyone on the team was like a sister to me. I didn't want to let them down," said Claudia Rhye (10). "At practice, we all got along and everyone pushed and helped each other. We even did things to grow closer as a team outside of soccer, such as campfires and cookouts." - Joe Huber

**Huber**



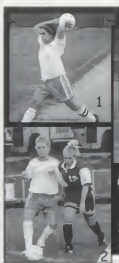




### taking Control

As Shanna Schmelter (12) battles for better position on the soccer ball, Mary Galouzis (10) comes from the opposite side to give her teammate a passing option. Schmelter was one of the starting senior captains.

photo by Titak



### senior Starters

1. Shannon Morfin (12)
2. Shanna Schmelter (12)
3. Alexandra Webster (12)



### scary Moment

Carol O'Rourke (9) is carried off the field after injuring her left ankle. The injury forced her to sit out for three games during the regular season. Her sister, Lisa (11) said, "The thing about my sister was she was never down. Once she fell, she didn't pop right back up, like she'd usually done. It hurt me to see that she wasn't out on the field." photo by Titak

## statistically Speaking

**Coach:**

Mike Malaski

**Record:**

4-11-1

**Conference record:**

3-4

**MVP:**

Alex Webster

Mary Galouzis

**Post Season Sectionals**

Chesterton 1-2

### varsity Scores

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Highland       | 1-4  |
| West Lafayette | 1-1  |
| Portage        | 1-3  |
| Andrean        | 1-2  |
| LaPorte        | 3-0  |
| Chesterton     | 1-4  |
| Bishop Noll    | 6-0  |
| Valporaiso     | 1-2  |
| Griffith       | 2-3  |
| Memillville    | 4-5  |
| Michigan City  | 8-3  |
| Lake Central   | 0-1  |
| Evansville M.  | 0-4  |
| Evansville C.  | 0-5  |
| Hobart         | 12-1 |
| Munster        | 1-2  |



### varsity Soccer

**Front row:** Megan Vega, Lisa O'Rourke, Lindsey Morfin, Shannon Morfin, Brittany Barker, Carolyn Simko, Carol O'Rourke. **2nd Row:** Joell Dixon, Kirsten Schuster, Nicole Aubuchon, Sarah Hargis, Kimberly Pavel, Allison Moore, Mary Galouzis. **3rd Row:** Laura Buchelt, Mrs. Kelley Nelson, Autumn Sipkema, Michelle Kutnavski, Missy Cooper, Rachelle Wilbur, Lauren Koehler, Jorie Arnold, Mr. Mike Malaski, Mr. Mark Nelson. **Back Row:** Heather Dallman, Stefanie Jovanoski, Shanna Schmelter, Yvonne Miller, Teresa Kaminski, Alexandra Webster, Elizabeth Mowry, Claudia Rhye, and Tara Menacher. photo by Visual Sports Network.

varsity Coach:

Jon Breitweiser

record:

3-12-1

conference

record:

1-6

MVP:

Brent Browne

j.v. Coach:

Ryan Collier

Record:

4-7-2

## Off season indoor soccer league prepares team

As summer faded into fall the

boys soccer team began

its season with "high

hopes" and rigorous

practices according to the team members.

Besides just playing and

practicing at school, the

majority of the team

played indoor soccer at

Omega Sports Complex

with other athletes from

around the region to prepare for

the regular season. "Playing indoor

soccer helped improve my skills on the field," said Matthew Pasyk

(12). The season started off with a loss to Lowell, but the boys

continued the season with three wins, twelve losses and

a tie. -Lauren Angel



statistically

# Speaking

### varsity Scores

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Lowell         | 1-0  |
| Bishop Noll    | 4-2  |
| Boone Grove    | 3-0  |
| Portage        | 3-0  |
| LaPorte        | 7-1  |
| Morton         | 3-2  |
| Chesterton     | 4-0  |
| West Lafayette | 2-2  |
| Valparaiso     | 5-0  |
| Hammond        | 10-0 |
| Merrillville   | 4-0  |
| Michigan City  | 4-0  |
| Highland       | 3-0  |
| Lake Central   | 4-1  |
| Hobart         | 8-0  |

### junior varsity Scores

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Lowell         | 2-0 |
| Bishop Noll    | 5-1 |
| Portage        | 0-4 |
| LaPorte        | 1-1 |
| Chesterton     | 1-2 |
| West Lafayette | 1-0 |
| Munster        | 1-4 |
| Valparaiso     | 2-2 |
| Merrillville   | 1-2 |
| Highland       | 2-4 |
| Michigan City  | 2-0 |
| Lake Central   | 1-2 |
| Hobart         | 2-4 |

### it takes Two

Preparing to take the ball down the field, Brett Barker (11) and Joel Koch (9) control the ball. Barker said his goal was to regain his strength after breaking his leg. photo by Titak



## boys' varsity and junior varsity Soccer

**Front Row:** Nickolas Roth, Brett Barker, Arlington Foley, Joshua Damjanovic, Matthew Trybula, Nickolas Camp, Justin Wilk, George Mavrelis, Daniel Easton **2nd Row:** Andrew Mellen, James Orchowski, James Balmes, Coach Ryan Collier, Coach Breitweiser, Coach Tasher, Ryan Moline, John Nance, Nickolas Damjanovic **3rd Row:** Donald Light, Justin Bell, Matthew Pasyk, Kevin McFadden, Andreas Pergher, Danny Quiroz, Jacob Ewing, Christopher Wacnik, Aaron Tasher **Back Row:** Brent Brown, David Metsch, Michael Duglokinski, Branko Alavanja, Christopher Seleski, Benjamin Landis, Cameron Reeves, Grant Springman. photo by Visual Sports Network.



### fun & Games

Matt Pasyk (12) tries to escape from his teammate Arlington Foley (9) during rugby. The team sometimes played rugby before practice. photo by Joe Huber



## Was there a really exciting moment for you?

**Kevin McFadden, 10**

"An exciting moment for me was before every game. I played soccer since I was two, and I still got butterflies and a cold sweat before games. I think it was because I loved it. I don't know what I'd have done if I couldn't play." photo by Joe Huber



### fancy footwork

Playing against Michigan City, Jimmy Orchowski (10) dribbles the ball. Orchowski said the best moment of the season was being the only team to score on Lake Central, a team with record shut outs. photo by Joe Huber



### team players

1. Andrew Mellen (9)
2. Brent Brown (12)
3. Christopher Seleski (12)



**Ryan Moline, 10**

"Making the sectional team was by far my most exciting moment for me this season" photo by Titak



# What goals were you able to reach this season?



**Yvonne Holeman, 9**  
*"I was able to build up my body and improve my time on the 2 1/2 mile run. We started out the season with a 2 1/2 mile run and worked our way up. I guess we ran from between 5 to 7 miles most of the time." photo by Titak*



## heather Griffis, 10

*"First I wanted everyone to perform like a team. Second, for myself, I wanted to repeat as a sectional champ." photo by Titak*



## janele Hurley, 9

*"My freshman year, my most important goal was to finish in the top ten." Enjoying the team was important too. "When we jumped in the lake after our meet, the water was freezing, but it was fun." photo by Titak*

## Team togetherness creates atmosphere of success for girls' cross country

"Little sister, Big Sister" groupings, motivational coaches, and helpful seniors aided the Girls' Cross Country team in achieving their goals and becoming a group of friends. "We all seemed like a team. Last year we didn't exactly get along. This everyone was friends with everyone else," said Heather Griffis (10). "Little sister, Big sister" was a program that paired an under-classman with an upperclassman and they exchanged gifts meets. "Everyone was really supportive.

We had a few bumps along the way, but it didn't set us back. We had good coaches and the seniors to help the rest of us," said Yvonne Holeman (9). Teamwork and success went hand in hand. "We made it to semi-state," said Carolyn Dienes (10). -Dan Ostrozovich







### getting Ready

Running side by side, Kathy Shaw (12) and Liz Lewis (12) compete against Chesterton and Merrillville. The team ran up to eleven miles in a day to prepare for meets. The girls took 6th in their conference. photo by Tilak



### seasoned Runners

1. Georganne Weber (12)
2. Katie LoGreco (11)
3. Ann Walter (10)

### meeting Goals

Heading for the home stretch, Sara Sendejas (11) competes against Chesterton's team. She said she thought the team's biggest accomplishment was making it to semi-state. The girls' cross country team grabbed a 17th place finish overall at the semi-state meet. photo by Tilak



## statistically Speaking

### varsity Scores

**Coach:**  
Mrs. Dana Bell

**Record:**  
6-7

**Conference record:**  
2-5

**MVP:**  
Heather Griffis

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Lake Central       | 37-34  |
| Munster            | 37-56  |
| Warren Invite      | 4th    |
| Hanover            | 47-42  |
| Munster            | 47-69  |
| Lowell             | 47-70  |
| Gavit              | 47-146 |
| Rebel Invite       | 8th    |
| Michigan City      | 35-21  |
| Valparaiso         | 50-15  |
| La Porte           | 30-25  |
| New Prairie        | 18-45  |
| New Prairie Invite | 10th   |
| Hobart             | 19-36  |
| Culver Invite      | 19th   |
| Merrillville       | 22-19  |
| Chesterton         | 15-50  |
| Conference         | 6th    |

**Post Season:**  
Sectionals 2nd  
Regionals 2nd  
Semi-State 17th



### girls' cross Country

**Front Row:** Yvonne Holeman, Sara Sendejas, Ann Walter, Janelle Hurley, Georganne Weber, Sarah Vickers  
**2nd Row:** Sheena Sum, Katie LoGreco, Sara Pittman, Sarah Myers, Kathy Shaw, Victoria Wheeler  
**Back Row:** Coach Dana Bell, Elizabeth Lewis, Carolyn Dienes, Heather Griffis, Coach Misty Scheuneman. photo by Visual Sports Network.

# Cross country team members bond, train at summer camp in Wisconsin

**Coach:**  
Keith Iddings

**record:**  
9-4

**conference  
record:**  
3-1

**post-season**  
Sectional - 1st  
Regional - 2nd  
Semi-state - 11th

**MVP:**  
Justin Stadt

**statistically**

## Speaking

### varsity Scores

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Lake Central      | 47-23 |
| Munster           | 47-62 |
| Warren C. Invit.  | 10th  |
| Munster           | 26-43 |
| Hanover Cent.     | 26-65 |
| T.F. South Invit. | 4th   |
| Valparaiso        | 40-21 |
| Michigan City     | 15-50 |
| LaPorte           | 17-44 |
| New Prairie       | 24-31 |
| Portage           | 33-24 |
| Hobart            | 21-40 |
| Merrillville      | 15-50 |
| Chesterton        | 32-25 |
| DAC Meet          | 4th   |

### sweet Victory

At a home meet against Chesterton and Merrillville, Andrew Wring (11) tries to stay in front of his teammate Aaron Reimer (11). Wring's personal best in the 5K was 17:30. "It should have been better," he said. photo by Titak

Each summer the cross country team spent a week at camp.

Last summer, the team traveled up to Wisconsin and camped out at a park. "The week at camp was the hardest week of our training. We ran three times each day on trails that were filled with hills. We were literally around no one but our teammates. It was fun, but by the end, you were glad to come home," said **Justin Stadt** (11).

Although to some, cross country may have seemed like a pretty sedate sport, it had its moments. "My sophomore year, a tornado hit the Lowell sectional meet and when it passed, my race was up. I was so nervous, but I ran a 4:30," said **Tony Rivera**.

- Cara Palonis



**We rally spirit**



### in Pursuit

Turning the corner, Keven Klein (12) sets his pace to win the race against Merrillville and Chesteron. Klein lettered twice in cross country.

photo by Titak

## boys' varsity and junior varsity cross Country

**Front Row:** Sean McDaniel, Joseph Hemphill, Luke Bapple, Sean Crinion, Wes Dykstra, Greg Schatzman. **2nd Row:** Kevin Devine, Aaron Reimer, Brian Wheeler, Kevin Klein, Robert Slepceovich, Andrew Wring, Scott Kaiser, Dave Santelik. **Back Row:** Coach Keith Iddings, John Pittman, Justin Stadt, Trey Williams, Tony Rivera, Kevin Klein, Coach Lafey Armontrout. photo by Visual Sports Network



## What made you decide to join the cross country?

**luke Bapple, 10**

"Most people didn't enjoy running and wouldn't have gone out of the way to do so, but I usually had nothing else to do. It was fun and kept me from sleeping through the day." (with Sean McDaniel, 12 and Michael Parrish, 9)

photo by Titak



**justin Stadt, 11**

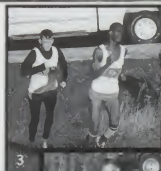
"Since everyone signed up for it in 6th grade, I went with the crowd." (with Andrew Wring, 11 & Rob Slepceovich, 10)

photo by Titak



### taking Charge

Trying to keep his muscles warm on a chilly day at Lemon Lake, Anthony Rivera pours on the speed to pass his Chesterton opponent. Rivera ran the mile in 4:30 and was named to the All Sectional team as well as the 3100 mile club. photo by Titak.



### spirited Runners

1. Brian Wheeler
2. Micheal Parrish (9), Wes Dykstra (11) & Patrick Collins
3. Dave Santelik & Trey Williams



# What was really special about being a part of the team?

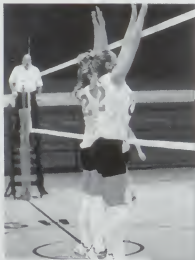


**kelly  
Bielak, 12**

*"During the national anthem, everyone on the team held hands and we passed on a squeeze. About half way through the season, one of my teammates finally realized she was supposed to pass it on." photo by Titak*

**coach Greg Doane**

*"This year was special because we beat some of the better teams in the area and we were ranked in the top ten." photo by Titak*



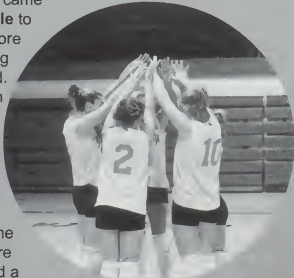
**Keri Cuculich, 11**

*"The seniors were good leaders, and they were always there when we needed them. Katelin Klepsch was always there for me, and I appreciated it. We came together as a team and were ranked." photo by Titak*

## Team members reminisce concerning halarious moments from season

Most every team came together into a **huddle** to promote team spirit before a game. "Once I was going into the huddle and I tripped. Danielle Brueck tried to catch me, but I was already on the gym floor. Everyone, including the other team, was laughing at me. It was so embarrassing," said MVP Nicole Smoljan (11). Ashley Plumley (12) said, "Every time we joined in a huddle before one of our games, we did a

cheer. Every time we went into the huddle we would never remember what cheer we were going to do, so we all started saying a different cheer. We all looked really stupid!" -Kristina Loutitt





## in your Face

To spike the ball, Keri Cuculich(11) goes up on the net for a smash in the match against Griffith. The girls' defeated the Panthers in two games at 15-3 and 15-0 respectively.

photo by Titak



## senior Players

1. Lisa Diederich (12)
2. Ashley Plumley (12)
3. Janel Heneghan (12)

## bump Around

Using a forearm pass, Nicole Smoljan (11) concentrates as she passes the ball to the setter. She said that the team's 12 hours of practice time every week really paid off when the team won the Benton Central Tourney. Smoljan played volleyball for five years was named the MVP.

Photo br Titak



## statistically

**Coach:**

Greg Doane

**Record:**

16-15

**Conference**

**record:**

6-2

**MVP:**

Nicole Smoljan

**Post**

**Season:**

**Sectional**

## Speaking

### varsity Scores

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Bishop Noll        | 1-2 |
| Highland           | 2-1 |
| East Chicago       | 2-0 |
| Hanover Central    | 2-1 |
| Lake Central       | 1-2 |
| Hammond Clark      | 2-0 |
| Benton Central     | 2-0 |
| Laf. Central Cath. | 2-0 |
| Rensselaer         | 2-0 |
| Chesterton         | 1-2 |
| Valparaiso         | 1-2 |
| Kankakee Valley    | 2-1 |
| S.B. Washington    | 0-2 |
| Hobart             | 2-0 |
| Hebron             | 0-2 |
| Lowell             | 2-0 |
| Calumet            | 2-1 |
| Michigan City      | 0-2 |
| Andean             | 0-2 |
| Portage            | 1-2 |
| S.B. Adams         | 1-2 |
| New Prairie        | 1-2 |
| S.B. Riley         | 1-2 |
| Griffith           | 2-0 |
| Merrillville       | 0-2 |
| LaPorte            | 0-2 |
| Hobart             | 2-0 |
| Kouts              | 2-0 |
| Kankakee Valley    | 0-2 |
| Munster            | 2-1 |
| Hebron             | 2-0 |

## varsity Volleyball

**Front Row:** Jill Maynard, Amy Zondor, Danielle Brueck **2nd Row:** Lisa Diederich, Allison Isailovich, Coach Erin Rhodes, Nicole Smoljan, Blayre Reeves, Coach Greg Doane, Janel Heneghan, Keri Cuculich **Back Row:** Kelly Bielak, Katelin Klepsch **Not pictured:** Ashley Plumley. photo by Visual Sports Network.



# What were the advantages to being part of the team?



**Jillian Weiland, 9**

*"It was really fun; sort of like having a second family because you were always together and you learned to depend on and trust each other. We looked out for each other and were there for each other."* photo by Titak

**Lindsey Kurth, 9**

*"Being part of the freshman team helped you to get to know people. It also gave you an opportunity to get in shape."* photo by J. Koscielniak



**Natalie Mullins, 9**

*"When I was doing badly my team was always there to get my hopes up and to tell me to keep my chin up. It was a lot of fun and I hoped that I will be on the team next year."* photo by Jessica Koscielniak



## Young volleyball teams play to their strengths, realize weaknesses

Excitement mounted in the stands as parents watched the freshman girls' squad defeat their first foe of the season, Merrillville. Coach Donna Taraskowski said, "They improved a lot from the beginning."

The junior varsity team opened their season winning 7 of their first 8 games and ending the season successfully.

"They were very talented girls," said Coach Nancy Giovingo. "Team members attributed their success to recognizing their strengths and weaknesses. Stephanie Sandilla (10) said, 'My strength was passing and serving while my weakness was spiking.'"

- Brittany Jillson





## return play

After a hit at the net from a Hebron opponent, Mary Kvachkoff (10) gets into the position to return the ball in hopes of a score. The girls played Hebron in the last game of the regular season and won. Kvachkoff played on the J.V. team.  
photo by Titak



## newComers

1. Natalie Mullins (9)
2. Ashley Campbell (9)
- & Aryn Kooi (9)
3. Kaitlyn Sertich (9)



## Junior varsity Volleyball

**Front Row:** Kaitlyn Sertich (lying down) Lauren Mishevich, Casey Rhodes, Cassie Pruzin (lying down)  
**2nd Row:** Stephanie Sandilla, Mary Kvachkoff. **3rd Row:** Jennifer Strempeka, Melissa Burnet, Coach Nancy Giovingo, Amy Kennedy, Charlie Martienetz. **Back Row:** Jill Weiland, Carrie Meyer. photo by Visual Sports Network.



## freshmen Volleyball

**Front Row:** Dawn Hodorowicz, Aryn Kooi, Lindsey Kurth, Leslie Duggan **2nd Row:** Lauren Nottingham, Aimee Cooper, Natalie Mullins **Back Row:** Annmarie Salach, Sierra Govert. photo by Visual Sports Network.

## statistically

**J.V. Coach:**  
Ms. Nancy  
Giovingo

**Record:**  
26-5

**Freshman  
Coach:**  
Ms. Donna  
Tanaskowski

**Record:**  
4-14

## Speaking j.v. Scores

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Bishop Noll     | Win  |
| Highland        | Win  |
| Jefferson       | Win  |
| McCuthen        | Win  |
| Homestead       | Loss |
| Elkhart         | Win  |
| E.C. Central    | Win  |
| LaPorte         | Win  |
| Chesterton      | Loss |
| Michigan City   | Loss |
| Rensselaer      | Win  |
| Chesterton      | Loss |
| Valparaiso      | Win  |
| Lowell          | Win  |
| Calumet         | Win  |
| Michigan City   | Win  |
| Andrean         | Loss |
| Portage         | Loss |
| Griffith        | Win  |
| Merrillville    | Win  |
| Griffith        | Win  |
| Valparaiso      | Win  |
| Lowell          | Win  |
| LaPorte         | Win  |
| Hobart          | Win  |
| Kouts           | Win  |
| Kankakee Valley | Win  |
| Munster         | Win  |
| Hanover Central | Win  |
| Lake Central    | Win  |
| Hebron          | Win  |

# Boys' tennis team exhibits skill at sectionals, throughout season

**Coach:**  
Andy Sargent

**Record:**  
8-8

**Conference record:**  
3-4

**Post-season:**  
Sectional-4th  
Regional-5th

**MVP:**  
Patrick Spohr



Playing number one doubles wasn't easy, but **Joshua Rattray (12)** and **Jeremiah Samples (10)** made it look simple. "We had fun and won matches. Jeremiah was talented, athletic, and he had the potential for great things. We got along because we kept each other loose at tense moments," said Rattray. Being two of the strongest athletes on the team, Rattray and Samples finished the season 8-8. "Josh always kept his head in the game no matter what the situation was," said Samples. **-Carey Ciochina**

## statistically

## Speaking

### varsity Scores

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Andean               | 0-5 |
| Lake Central         | 1-4 |
| Highland             | 3-2 |
| Merrillville         | 4-1 |
| Portage              | 4-1 |
| Chesterton           | 2-3 |
| Valparaiso           | 1-4 |
| Lowell               | 0-5 |
| East Chicago Central | 5-0 |
| Hobart               | 5-0 |
| LaPorte              | 1-4 |
| Kankakee Valley      | 4-1 |
| Michigan City        | 2-3 |

### concentrating Hard

While watching the ball, Matthew Wise (11) uses his forehand to send the ball back to his opponent. Wise played singles and said he enjoyed it because tennis was a game he could play all of his life. photo by Titak



**We rally spirit**





### right on

After serving to his opponent, Patrick Spohr (11) thinks about his next move. Spohr won the MVP award.

photo by Titak

## boys' varsity and junior varsity Tennis

Front Row: Bradley Whitehead, Adam Steuer, Nick Doffin, Matthew Junkins, Jeremiah Samples, Matthew Schillo, Andrew Sager, Kyle Zienin Row 2: Coach Chris Korzeniewski, Matthew Raymond, Christian Skaltsas, Nickolas Box, Mike Turner, Joshua Rattray, Patrick Spohr, Matthew Wise, Coach Andy Sargent, Manager Melissa Kiefer. photo by Visual Sports Network.



## What problems were you able to overcome?

### matthew schillo, 9

"Since it was my first year playing on the tennis team, it was pretty difficult because I didn't know what I was doing at the beginning of the season. I enjoyed playing an individual sport. Also, playing Lowell was difficult.

photo by Titak



### jeremiah samples, 10

"It was hard to play the other number one doubles teams from other schools; they were really good." photo by Titak



### practice Time

Before the match at home against Lowell's Red Devils, Josh Rattray (12) warms up with his doubles partner Jeremiah Samples (10). Rattray and Samples played #1 doubles. Rattray said his favorite part of the season was winning the sectional title. photo by Titak



### right Handers

1. Matthew Schillo (9)
2. Matthew Junkens (11)
3. Michael Turner (12)



# What will you remember most about cheerleading?



**Jessica Hitchcock, 12**

"My favorite memory was camp. We got to stay in a hotel room instead of a dorm room. That trip was when we came together and bonded as a squad. Also, Nationals was a once in a lifetime opportunity." photo by Maritza Mota

**sabrina Morgan, 11**

"Going to Nationals in Dallas, Texas was really fun. It was cool to see all of the different squads." photo by Sarah Pasyk



**courtney Fischer, 10**

"My favorite memory was our competition at Great America. We got to ride all the rides with our friends, plus we got first place so it was a really fun day." photo by Sarah Pasyk

## Cheerleaders bring enthusiasm, pride to student body, athletes

"Cheering at a game was such an exciting and fun way to help support the team," said Jessica Bixeman (12). The varsity and junior varsity squads were present at every home basketball and football game throughout the year. "The most difficult thing about cheerleading was probably getting everyone at a practice, but I loved the competitions because they were so fun," said Jacqui Mohr (9). "What I would miss about cheerleading was the people. My experience had been extremely memorable and I was very proud of my squad and what we had accomplished," said Julie Bauer (11). -Carey Ciochina





### holding Up

At the pep rally for the Homecoming game, the varsity cheerleaders perform their competition routine. Prior to the rally, the team competed at Six Flags in Gurnee, Illinois with the routine and won first place. photo by Jessica Koscielniak



### junior Varsity

1. Angela Griffith (9)
2. Alyss Mueller (10)
3. Jaclyn Korthauer (9)
4. Lauren Fairchild (9)



### junior varsity Cheerleading

First Row: Danielle Osuna, Alyssa Arambula, Chelsea Saunders 2nd Row: Jaclyn Korthauer, Jessica Bengel, Alyss Mueller, Angela Griffith. Last Row: Kristin Loudermilk, Natalie Williams, Lauren Fairchild, Megan Luedtke, Jenna Slisinski. photo by Visual Sports Network.

## statistically Speaking

varsity coach:

Sue Heinzman

### j.v. Scores

record:

2-0

Great America 10th

LaPorte 1st

Midwest 2nd

Boone Grove 1st

New Prairie 1st

MVP:

Lindsey Kranz

j.v. coach:

Paula Luedtke

### varsity Scores

Great America 1st

LaPorte 2nd

State 6th

record:

2-1



### varsity Cheerleading

Front Row: Jaqueline Mohr, Courtney Fischer 2nd Row: Ashley Korzeniewski, Jessica Bixeman, Brittany Glover, Kelly Schwartz Back Row: Alice Wildes, Joshua Damjanovic, Erin Quinn Not Pictured: Lindsey Kranz, Jessica Hitchcock, Emily Rashin, Jacob Sumner, Matthew Eaton, Sabrina Morgan, Julie Bauer, Briana Reed. photo by Visual Sports Network.

# What hilarious moments occurred that you will always remember?



**Elizabeth Johnson, 12**

"At conference we threw all of the pool coaches in the pool because we were so happy that we placed 2nd." photo by Titak



**Joell Dixon, 11**

"A few members from the guys' swim team came to cheer us on at sectionals. One of them wore nothing but his speedo, and he also carried a little umbrella." photo by Titak

**Daryl Packard, 10**

"My new coach was in charge of the swimming and diving team. One day, a boy swimmer would not listen to her. She told him to sit down but he went into the locker room, so she chased after him and dragged him out." photo by Titak



## Earning second place spot at DAC brings swimming team closer together

As the conference meet came to a close, the girls' swim team was elated to discover that they had placed 2nd. "My best memory of the season was when all the girls were together as a team for the runner-up announcement," said Coach Doug Norris. Many team members accomplished

numerous individual goals, such as Michelle Smith (9). Smith broke the school record in the 500-yard freestyle. However, most of the swim team was more satisfied with team accomplishments. "My best memory of the season was hanging out with everyone on the team. I loved them all! They were like a family to me!" said Daryl Packard (9). -Dan Ostrozovich

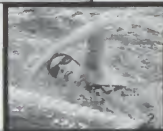






## morning Swim

While diving into the pool, Kara Gora (12) realizes that the most difficult part of swimming is the early morning practices. Many swimmers woke up as early as 4:45 a.m. for practice and did not see the sun for the entire day. photo by Titak



## underclassmen

1. Katherine Babich (9)
2. Lindsey Kortas (10)
3. Jennifer Reeve (10)

## reaching Goals

At a home meet, Elizabeth Brown (10) competes in a 50-meter freestyle race. Brown's best time for the season was 28 seconds. She also swam the 100-meter freestyle and was part of two freestyle relay teams. She thought her best event was the 50. photo by Titak



## statistically Speaking

### varsity Scores

**Coach:**  
Mr. Doug Norris

**Record:**  
9-3

**Conference record:**  
6-2

**MVP:**  
Daryl Packard  
Michelle Smith

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Michigan City   | 96-90  |
| Chesterton      | 65-121 |
| LaPorte Invite  | 3rd    |
| Valparaiso      | 89-97  |
| Highland        | 113-73 |
| Merrillville    | 128-53 |
| Portage         | 103-83 |
| Griffith        | 126-61 |
| Highland Invite | 4th    |
| LaPorte         | 102-84 |
| Munster         | 70-116 |
| Lowell          | 106-80 |
| Hobart          | 127-53 |
| Rensselaer      | 106-65 |
| Sectionals      | 2nd    |



## girls' Swimming

**First row:** Kathleen Buckley, Joell Dixon, Lindsey Gora **2nd Row:** Michael Akey, Patricia Vlahos, Katherine Babich, Jennifer Reeve, Victoria Wheeler, Mallory Pals, Carley Smith, Ashley Gora, Jennifer Lynch **3rd Row:** Coach Sam Fies, Michelle Smith, Tiffany Iurillo, Daryl Packard, Lindsey Kortas, Emily Ketcher, Ryne Emory, Yvonne Miller, Caitlin Kerr, Carolyn Dienes **Last Row:** James Stanford, Coach Aaron Willman, Coach Doug Norris, Amanda Ketcher, Kari Durachta, Emily Booth, Elizabeth Johnson, Ashley Angelini, Elizabeth Lewis

# Boys' swimming team enjoys best season since 1978, sends 10 to State

## varsity coach:

Doug Norris

record:

10-2

conference

record:

7-1

post season:

sectional-2nd

State Finals-15th

MVP:

Paul Schmid

Ryan Orzechowicz

statistically

## Speaking

### swimming Scores

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Andrean         | 78-101 |
| Michigan City   | 115-70 |
| Chesterton      | 74-112 |
| Laporte Invite  | (3rd)  |
| Valporaiso      | 106-80 |
| Valporaiso (JV) | 26-120 |
| Valporaiso      | 91-83  |
| Highland        | 76-107 |
| Merrillville    | 123-55 |
| Portage         | 105-81 |
| Griffith        | 63-116 |
| Laporte         | 120-66 |
| Munster         | 91-95  |
| Lowell          | 66-119 |
| Hobart          | 57-120 |
| Rensselaer BV   | 132-51 |
| Kankakee Valley | 137-42 |

### seeking Success

Momentarily peeping out of the water, Jason Reutter (9) nears the end of his race. "Like most people, as a freshman, I had decided to try swimming. I never thought that I would like it and actually be good," said Reutter (9) photo by Titak

John Nance (10)

attributed the teams'

2nd place finish in

conference and 15th in the State to good

leadership. He said, "Our

seniors this year were not

only great athletes, but great

leaders." Several team

members remembered

successful moments. "When my

relay paced 7th in the state, that

was the best," said David Jacobs. For

Ben Freeman, it was the sectional meet.

"For me, finishing in the top 6 was memorable," he said. Ryan

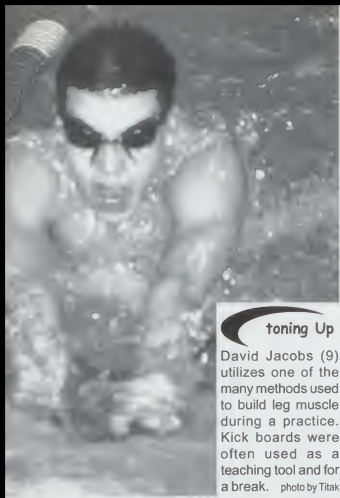
Orzechowicz (12) said, "Diving at State and placing in the top 8 was

great." The team finally surpassed its state level placement

from the 1978 season. -Claudia Rhye



We rally spirit



### toning Up

David Jacobs (9) utilizes one of the many methods used to build leg muscle during a practice. Kick boards were often used as a teaching tool and for a break. photo by Titak

## boys' varsity and junior varsity Swimming

**Front Row:** Mike Ackey, Patricia Vlahos, Clark Dixon, Kyle Gianni, Michael Gora, Josh Sauerman, Jason Reutter, Ryan Orzechowicz. **2nd Row:** Christian Mikrut, Coach Heather Mikrut, Coach Doug Norris, Coach Sam Fies, Erik Andersen, Kevin Klein, John Nance, Benjamin Freeman, Paul Schmidt, Mark Bonich. **Back Row:** James Stanford, Coach Aaron Willman, Wess Dykestra, Justin Cox, Rick Plank, David Jacobs, Grant Springman, Bryan Wheeler. photo by Visual Sports Network.



## How did swimming and diving affect you?

**Jacob Babich, 12**  
"Being a member of the team definitely topped off my years in high school. The guys on the team were family to me which made my experiences that much better, although the occasional win never hurt." photo by Titak



### clark Dixon, 9

"This was my first year on a swim team, and it was strenuous, exciting, and lots of fun." photo by Titak

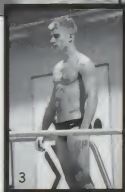
### diving In

Richard Plank (12) begins his laps during practice with a dive. Although Plank was not on the team the entire year, he still valued the experience from being a part of the team. photo by Titak

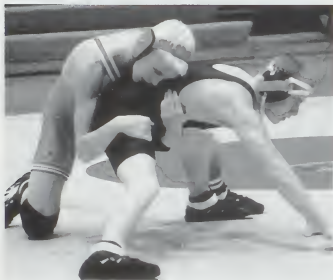


### making Waves

1. Christopher Anderson (11)
2. Michael Gora (9)
3. Ryan Orzechowicz (12)



# Why do you think wrestlers are underestimated?



**Jonathan Ramos, 10**

*We worked twice as hard as most sport teams and were twice as dedicated than people in other sports." photo by Titak*



**Kevin Devine, 10**

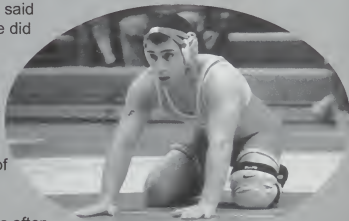
*"Not many people understood just what we had to do to make weight for meets. We couldn't eat very much and had to stay after practice to work off even more weight. This year I lost 15 pounds. photo by Titak*



## Hard work, dedication pay off as three qualify for semi-state

The wrestler said that most people did not think wrestling was not a hard sport considering that a match only lasted for six minutes. "Around 35 to 40 guys tried-out for wrestling, but by the end of tryouts only 25 stayed committed," said **James**

**Ponziano (11)**. Wrestlers often endured grueling practices, loss of weight, and strict diets. "Hard work and dedication payed off for the team but Portage and Valparaiso gave us boys a run for our money," said **Troy Bush (11)**. Although the competition proved to be too challenging to make it to State, **Troy Bush (11)**, **Eric Schultz (12)**, and **Leslie Darlin (10)** qualified for Semi-state. **-Lauren Angel**



**mark Vlink, 11**

*"There are many people who underestimated wrestling because it was not on T.V. like football, and baseball. photo by Titak*

Titak





## Wrist Action

Matt Beilfuss (12) goes for the wrist to control his Michigan City opponent and win the pin. Beilfuss spent his 13th consecutive season on a wrestling team. He joined his first team when he was in kindergarten.

photo by Titak.



## Semi-State Finalists

1. Troy Bush (11)
2. Eric Schultz (12)
3. Leslie Darlin (10)

## Round two

In the Michigan City match, Kevin Kasch (11) takes the advantage at the beginning of the round. The team lost the match by three points. Kasch had been wrestling for four years.

photo by Titak



## statistically Speaking

**Coach:**

Mr. Scott Vlink

**Record:**

12-19

**Conference record:**

2-7

**Captains:**

Sean McDaniel  
Eric Schultz  
Matt Beilfuss  
Doug Olson

## Varsity Scores

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Twin Lakes          | 34-34        |
| Lafayette Jefferson | 34-24        |
| Benton Central      | 43-24        |
| North Western       | 60-16        |
| Greenwood           | 48-18        |
| Chesteron           | 34-27        |
| Michigan City       | 24-27        |
| STAGG Tournay       | 11th place   |
| Merrillville        | 30-30        |
| Carnahan Tournament | 2nd place    |
| LaPorte             | 24-45        |
| Hobart              | 42-18        |
| Ransselaar          | 33-31        |
| Western             | 65-10        |
| Muncie South        | 53-18        |
| Valparaiso          | 9-52         |
| OAC Tournay         | 7th place    |
| Portage             | 12-46        |
| DeiPhi              | 38-19        |
| Boone Grove         | 35-19        |
| Kankakee Valley     | 41-19        |
| Lafayette Harrison  | 9-38         |
| Sectional           | 2nd place    |
| Regionals           | 8 qualifiers |
| Semi-State          | 3 qualifiers |



## Varsity Wrestling

**First Row:** Danny Mellis, Luke Williams, Sean McDaniel, Eric Schultz, Troy Bush, Benjamin Sonntag, Mark Vlink, Kevin Devine, Jonathan Ramos, Leslie Darlin  
**2nd Row:** Kimberly Conway, Christopher Bruno, Kevin Kasch, Robert Bruno, Eric Love, Caleb Rice, Elliott Handley, Douglas Olson, Matt Beilfuss, James Ponziano, Stephanie McDaniel  
**Back Row:** Coach Scott Vlink, Joseph Moskovich, Corey Bush, Thomas Ponziano, James Orchowski, Ryan Snyder, Scott Kaiser, Brian Murphy, Coach Bob Reese

# Which match proved most challenging?

**Thomas Ponziano, 10**

"My toughest match was against Portage. The guy I was up against was much bigger and stronger than I was, but he was clumsy. He ended up getting me on my back. I was really close to winning that match though."

photo by R. Overbeek

**caleb Rice, 10**

"It was Portage. It was tough because I moved up a weight class, so the guy weighed a little more than me." photo

by R. Overbeek



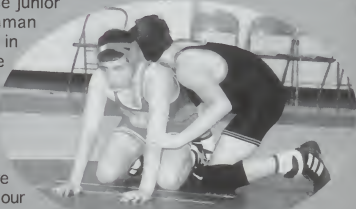
**kyle Caves, 9**

"Wrestling in West Lafayette at the Jefferson Invite for the semifinals was my toughest match. I was against a kid from Harrison. I was tired because I had to wake up at 3:30 in the morning." photo by R. Overbeek

## Team members claim wrestling unappreciated, underestimated

Whether on the junior varsity or freshman team, participating in wrestling tested more than just the athleticism of its members. It also tested endurance and resolution. "I enjoyed seeing everyone's hard work show when they were out on the mat. With all of our programs and our training, the season never really ended," said Miles

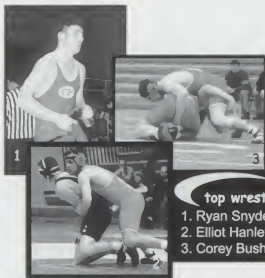
Handley. People joined wrestling for various reasons, but for some it was a family tradition. "I joined because my father was a wrestler and he inspired me," said Corey Bush (10). Bush finished the season unbeaten and won four tournament titles. "A wrestler had to have the utmost dedication. We worked for hours on technique and speed," said Joe Moskovich (10). -Kristina Louttit





## psyching Out

As Devin DePaoli (9) prepares to start his match, he stares down his LaPorte opponent. Although scores were not recorded, the freshman team competed in 12 dual meets and four tournaments. photo by Joe Huber



### top wrestlers

1. Ryan Snyder (10)
2. Elliot Hanley (10)
3. Corey Bush (10)



## holding On

Trying to regain the advantage, Dustin Neill (9) builds a base as his LaPorte opponent tries to break him down. Neill pinned two opposing wrestlers in a JV tournament and received 6th place. photo by Maritza Mota

## statistically Speaking

Freshman Coach:

Bill Hawkins

### Comments:

"They were a hard working bunch."

### JV Coach

Bob Rees

### Comments:

"They finished their dual meet season with a 3-3 record."

### junior varsity Scores

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Chesterton    | 38-36 |
| Michigan City | 56-12 |
| Merrillville  | 39-12 |
| LaPorte       | 42-18 |
| Valparaiso    | 42-18 |
| Portage       | 56-10 |

### JV & Freshman Invitational Participation

Lafayette Jeff Invitational

South Bend Riley Invitational

Rensselaer Invitational

Crown Point Invitational



## freshman Wrestling

First Row: Justin Neill, Myles Handley, Bradley Jones, Eric Bernacchi, Luke Williams 2nd Row: Justin Korthauer, Kyle Caves, Devin DePaoli, Nicholas Damjanovic, Jordan Larsen, Christopher Bruno 3rd Row: Coach Hawkins Sr., Paul Bailey, Steven Ellingsen, Kristopher Babic, Coach Hawkins Jr.

varsity coach:

Mr. Tom May

record:

15-7

conference

record:

6-1

post-season:

Sectional-2nd

Captains:

Ashley Plumley (12)

Alex Webster (12)

Laura Buchelt (12)

## Team unity, talent help make girls' basketball season successful

If you followed girls' high school basketball, you knew ahead of time that the lineup for the Lady Bulldogs was impressive. But individual talent like Blayre Reeves' (10) could only take the team so far. Being close both on and off the court, the girls brought the other needed ingredient.... team unity. "We all had been playing with each other for a long time," said Ashley Plumley (12). In one of the most exciting sectional championship games ever, the girls fell to the Lady Vikings' by 3 points. Cassie Pruzin (9) said, "We really should have beat Valpo, but we got a few bad calls." - Dale Packard photo by

R. Strempla



## statistically

### Speaking

#### varsity Scores

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Hebron          | 61-39W |
| Andean          | 60-35W |
| Munster         | 61-49W |
| Warsaw          | 55-66L |
| Lowell          | 55-29W |
| Portage         | 53-33W |
| Wawasee         | 48-55L |
| Merrillville    | 68-35  |
| Highland        | 35-26  |
| Valparaiso      | 37-39L |
| Lake Central    | 35-44L |
| Gary Wallace    | 69-22W |
| Martinsville    | 25-43L |
| Michigan City   | 68-32W |
| Kankakee Valley | 47-35W |
| Chesterton      | 50-31W |
| LaPorte         | 65-45W |

#### fighting for Position

Alex Webster (12) looks for an open teammate in the game with Lake Central. Webster won a scholarship to Southern Mississippi University. photo by R. Stemplka



We rally spirit





### defensive Play

Carissa Triplett (12) waits for the rebound against Chesterton. The girls won the game 50 to 31. photo by R. Stremпка

## girls varsity Basketball

**Front Row:** Danielle Brueck, Amy Zondor, Carissa Triplett, Janel Heneghan, Alexandra Webster, Ashley Plumley, Stephanie Swanson, Laura Buchelt, Cassie Pruzin, Blayre Reeves **2nd Row:** Julie Getler, Amanda Schaller, Laura Fredericks, Keri Cuculich, Lauren Rhodes, Jillian Weiland, Allison Isailovich, Kristen Reid, Emily Monacelli, Missy Kiefer **3rd Row:** Coach Tom May, Coach Laurie Hamilton, Trent Trump, Coach Scott Reid, Coach Brian McClanahan, Coach Nancy Exton, Coach Beth Jacobs

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## How did it feel to play Wawasee at the Civic Center?

**cassie Pruzin, 9**

"I thought we did pretty well for going to a big place with a lot of people there. We played good, but couldn't finish the game. We did a really good job of not letting Zolman get her game point average." photo by R. Stremпка



**allison Isailovich, 11**

"I was really happy with our performance at the Wawasee game. It was the first time most of us played in front of that many people, so a lot of us were nervous." photo by R. Stremпка



### ball palming

In the home game against the Warsaw Tigers, Jillian Weiland (9) dives to the basket. The team grabbed the lead in the first quarter but couldn't get it back the rest of the game. The girls ended up losing for the first time 55-66. photo by R. Stremпка



### seasoned Players

1. Janel Heneghan (12)
2. Blayre Reeves (10) and Amy Zondor (11)
3. Stephanie Swanson (12)



# What personal or team goals did you accomplish?



## two points

Playing the position of forward, Mary Kvachoff (10) aims for the basket during the game against Lake Central. The team won 22-17. Kvachoff also played center. She said the team's strength came from their unity and friendship. photo by Titak

## amy kalinowicz, 9

"Personally just making the team was a big accomplishment for me. I really enjoyed playing with the team." photo by Titak



## melissa cooper, 10

"One of my many goals was to keep my turnover amount down. I had really hoped to dress for varsity too. As a team we all worked really hard to become better." photo by Titak

## Young teams remember fun times, experiences togetherness

The word "close knit" described the freshman and J.V. girls' basketball teams, according to their members. The girls on both teams reported sharing many memorable moments and inside jokes throughout the season.

The funniest thing that happened

this season was before our last game when we all decided to do a crazy sequence with our legs. Coach McClanahan came out and said, 'Now that took teamwork and cooperation.' It pumped us all up," said Teri Borys (9). Mary Kvachoff added, "Mr. Reid was great: we all stuck it out through the hard times." - Jessica Koscielniak

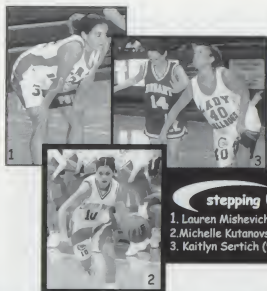




## Jennifer Strepka, 10

"Towards the end of the season, we got a lot better at working together and communicating on the floor. Personally, I really worked hard to improve on my basic skills and the practice paid off."

photo by Mr. Strepka



### stepping Up

1. Lauren Mishevich (9)
2. Michelle Kutanovski (9)
3. Kaitlyn Sertich (9)



## junior varsity Basketball

Front Row: Lauren Buchelt, Whitney Brown, Jo Anne Heneghan, Melissa Cooper Kaitlin Setich, Jennifer Strepka, Mallory Michaels, Emily Monacelli 2nd Row: Missy Kiefer, Stephanie Sandilla, Amanda Wirtz, Mary Kavochoff, Teresa Kaminski, Anne Shepard, Jill Wieland, Charlie Martinez, Christina Horvat, Kristen Reid Back Row: Mr. Tom May, Trainer Trent Trump, Mr. Scott Reid, Mr. McClannahan Mrs. Nancy Cowan, Ms. Beth Jacobs

## statistically Speaking

### Freshman

#### Coach:

Mr. Brian

McClanahan

#### record:

2-9

### j.v. Coach:

Mr. Scott Reid

#### record:

12-5

### freshman Scores

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Portage       | 30-16 |
| Michigan City | 41-34 |
| Valparaiso    | 35-13 |
| Kankakee      | 35-14 |
| Lake Central  | 46-34 |
| Chesterton    | 34-17 |
| Hammond M.    | 34-14 |
| Munster       | 27-22 |
| Merrillville  | 39-21 |
| Merrillville  | 28-15 |
| Andean        | 30-29 |
| Lowell        | 40-16 |
| LaPorte       | 28-15 |
| Highland      | 33-25 |
| Rensselaer    | 30-29 |
| Plymouth      | 33-28 |
| Lake Central  | 32-30 |
| Ft. Wayne     | 31-27 |

### j.v. Scores

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Hebron       | 24-12         |
| Andean       | 25-29         |
| Munster      | 42-25         |
| Warsaw       | 34-33         |
| Lowell       | 44-13         |
| Portage      | 40-60         |
| Merrillville | 29-2          |
| Highland     | 35-36         |
| Valparaiso   | 29-31 & 27-32 |
| Lake Central | 22-17         |
| McCUTCHEON   | 43-30         |
| Kankakee     | 25-14         |
| Chesterton   | 29-12         |
| LaPorte      | 38-19         |
| Plymouth     | 25-14         |
| Hobart       | 28-15         |
| Ft. Wayne    | 38-42         |



## freshman Basketball

Front Row: Lauren Brucato, Christina Powers, Lindsey Kurth, Ashley Campbell, Abbey Angelini, Hoa Ho 2nd Row: Michelle Kutanovski, Jaimi Gibbon, Melissa Melton, Mr. Brian McClanahan, Christina Horvat, Leslie Duggan, Lauren Mishevich Back Row: Sarah Higgins, Kori Ashley, Amy Kalinowicz, Lindsey Pope, Teri Borys, Christine Shimkus



# Which team was the toughest to play against and why?



**Kyle Robbins, 11**

*"The toughest team was Munster. It was a big rivalry the first time we played them because no one really liked them to begin with. But the second time it meant so much more. They were a good team who played tough."*

*photo by Maritza Mota*

**Joshua Goeringer, 12**

*"I don't think there was really a hard team to beat. It depended on whether or not we came to play individually or as a team. Being a senior, I still felt on top of things."*

*photo by Maritza Mota*



## Team continues traditions, dominates season with record of 15-6

Every team has a tradition. Each year, the members of the varsity basketball team shaved their heads, like **Richard Oliver (12)**.

"The boys have been shaving their heads for five years," said coach Tom Johnson. "I liked shaving our heads. It showed team unity," said Joel Heavner (11). Two days before their

first game, the boys got together and went to Mrs. Pam Ernest's house where she buzzed each of their heads. In the past they had shaved their own hair off, but this time the team decided to have a professional shave it in order to save time. "This is a tradition that should stay with the team for years to come," said Dale Packard (12). -Carey Ciochina



**Chad Pruzin, 11**

*"There really was not a team that made me nervous, but Roosevelt was a difficult team to beat because they were so big, fast, and athletic."*

*photo by Maritza Mota*

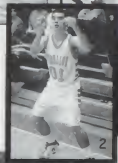






### playing Hard

"Trying to prove ourselves every weekend was a really difficult aspect of basketball," said Brian Sparks (11). But the team proved their abilities against Michigan City, by winning 78-45. photo by Maritza Mota



### the Hustlers

1. Joshua Rattray (12)
2. Dale Packard (12)
3. Chris Thomas (11)

### waiting game

In the hallway outside the gym Aaron Miller (10), point guard, waits for the junior varsity game against Hobart to finish. The varsity team usually passed the ball around before entering the gym for their warm-ups.

photo by Amanda Auron



## statistically Speaking

**Coach:**  
Mr. Tom Johnson

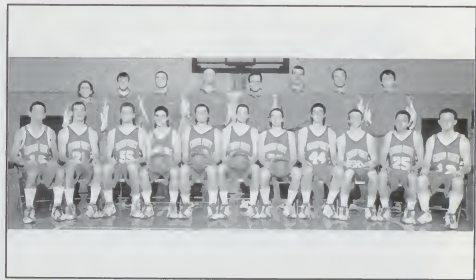
**Record:**  
15-6

**Conference record:**  
4-2

**MVP:**  
Richard Oliver

### varsity Scores

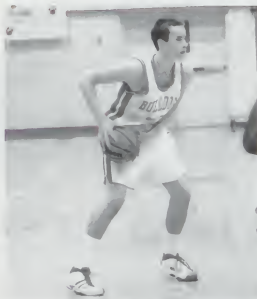
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|------------------|-------|
| Hammond Gavit    | 70-27 |
| Lake Central     | 70-67 |
| Harrison         | 53-57 |
| Griffith         | 74-54 |
| EC Central       | 69-63 |
| Portage          | 73-58 |
| Hammond Clark    | 63-46 |
| Munster          | 58-63 |
| Kankakee Valley  | 96-50 |
| Merrillville     | 55-56 |
| Valparaiso       | 63-66 |
| South Bend Adams | 52-49 |
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| Chesterton       | 76-62 |
| Munster          | 53-51 |
| LaPorte          | 77-69 |
| Hobart           | 70-33 |
| Calumet          | 76-46 |
| Gary Roosevelt   | 47-68 |
| Lowell           | 76-56 |
| Sectional        |       |
| Merrillville     | 59-64 |



### varsity boys' Basketball

**First row:** Chad Pruzin, Aaron Miller, Kyle Robbins, Dale Packard, Joshua Goeringer, Richard Oliver, Joshua Rattray, Chris Thomas, Brian Sparks, Michael Harris, Chad Pierce **Row 2:** Tara Wietbrock, Joseph Gettler, Coach Pat Mills, Coach Ray Tarnow, Coach Tom Johnson, Coach Greg Doane, Coach Josh Powers, Jeff Modrowski **Not Pictured:** Joel Heavner

# What funny memories did the team leave with you?



**jim Little, 11**

"Going to away games and then winning was always really fun, especially when we played against teams from rival schools. Just joking around in the locker room with everyone on the team really made me laugh."

photo by Titak

**chachi Albrecht, 9**

"When I played my first varsity game, I shot and got the ball stuck between the rim and the backboard." photo by Titak



**joel Heavner, 11**

"One thing that made me laugh was when we first shaved our heads. We looked like a group of convicts all playing on the same team." photo by Titak



## Freshman fill junior varsity roster, improve season record

In the middle of a time-out, the J.V. basketball team consisting of mostly freshman, crowded around coach Doane and waited for his advice. "The first few games were really nerve-racking," said Jordan Ham (9). The team achieved a better record than their predecessors.

The freshman agreed that playing J.V. was a difficult transition. "It was harder playing against upperclassmen. You were not doing the pushing anymore. You were getting pushed," said Donovan Garletts (9) -Dan Ostrosovich





## starting Out

While driving to the hole, Kyle Ernest (10) attempts to help the junior varsity team on their way to a win against a tough Michigan City. The team pulled together and managed to bring home a 13 point victory. photo by Titak



## new Talent

1. Mike Smith
2. Jake Pierce
3. Ryan Brown



## boys' junior varsity Basketball

**Front Row:** Jake Pierce, Mike Smith, Jordan Ham, Kyle Ernest, Charles Albrecht, Dave Rendina **2nd Row:** Joe Gettler, Tara Wietbrock, Greg Doane, Pat Mills, Josh Powers, Stephanie Seville, Jeff Madrowski **Back Row:** Dave Metsch, Ryan Brown, Joel Heavner, Jimmy Little, Donovan Garletts, Aaron Miller photo by Visual Sports Network

## statistically Speaking

j.v. Coach:

Greg Doane

record:

15-6

freshmen

Coach:

Brian Tompson

record:

A-team: 12-8

B-team: 5-10

### junior varsity Scores

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Hammond Gavit   | 70-27 |
| Lake Central    | 70-67 |
| Harrison        | 53-57 |
| Griffith        | 74-54 |
| E. Chicago      | 69-63 |
| Portage         | 73-58 |
| Hammond Clark   | 63-46 |
| Munster         | 58-63 |
| Kankakee Valley | 96-50 |
| Merrillville    | 55-56 |
| Valparaiso      | 63-66 |
| S. Bend Adams   | 52-49 |
| Michigan City   | 63-50 |
| Chesterton      | 76-62 |
| Munster         | 53-51 |
| LaPorte         | 77-69 |
| Hobart          | 70-33 |
| Calumet         | 76-46 |
| Gary Roosevelt  | 47-68 |
| Lowell          | 76-56 |
| Merrillville    | 59-64 |



## boys' freshman Basketball

**Front Row:** Ryan Gullett, Randy Ponikvar, Mark Patrick, Sam Henderson, Kyle Fricke, Curt Magurean. **2nd Row:** Jeff Polk, David Keller, Jim Wilson, Josh Seydel, Brian Maloney, Seth Henderson, Brian Tomson. **Back Row:** Jeremy Miller, Peter Schiesser, Ed Blazek, Adam Quinn, Jacob Copeland, Taylor Seils. photo by Visual Sports Network

# What part of the season provided your the best memory?



**nicole  
Coros, 11**  
"I don't have a favorite part of the season because the whole season was great! It [dance] was something I loved. I have gained so much, and I wouldn't take back my time on the team for anything.  
(with Kelly Brown).

photo by Maritza Mota

**candice  
Robinson, 10**

"Being on the team was an awesome experience. From competitions to games; I loved every minute." photo by

Titak



**tatiana Dejanovic, 9**

"I was so excited when I found out that I had made the dance team. From that moment on I have had a blast. Everything was a great time." photo by Maritza

Mota



## Dance team places 2nd at state level, ranks in top 30 nationally

"As soon as you see everyone clapping and cheering, you know what all your hard work was for," said **Jamie Jansen, 10** (with **Heather Schultz 11**). More than just a close group girls who performed during the halftimes of various games, the dance team proved its worth through hard work and diligence. During their May to

April season, the girls managed to raise all the money needed to travel to the National competition in Orlando. When they returned after placing in the top thirty in Florida, the girls competed in the state competition and placed 2nd in pom and 2nd in kick. -

Maritza Mota







### kickin' It

Entertaining the crowd Heather Schultz (11) dances the "Dangerous on the Dance Floor" routine performed at Lawrence North High School for the state competition. The girls took 2nd place in both pom and kick at state level. submitted by Heather Schultz



### varsity Members

1. Jennifer Gladdis (11)
2. Holli Warneke (12)
3. Melinda Zacher (10)



### varsity Dance Team

**Front Row:** Christie Davis, Kristina Louttit, Heather Schultz, Mandy Rowe, Jamie Jansen, Holli Warneke, Jamie Kooi, Carey Ciochina, Jennifer Gladdis, Nicole Coros, Kelly Brown  
**Last Row:** Margaret Eaton, Melinda Zacher, Tia Stedman photo by Visual Sports Network

## statistically

## Speaking

### Varsity Coaches:

Debra Ciochina  
 Suzanne Stuewe

### Junior Varsity Coaches:

Amity Korey  
 Debbie Bickel

#### junior varsity Scores

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Great America | 3rd |
| Lake Central  | 2nd |
| Portage       | 3rd |
| State         | 3rd |

#### varsity Scores

|               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Great America | 9th                 |
| Lake Central  | 1st-Kick<br>2nd Pom |

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| Portage | 1st-Kick<br>2nd-Pom |
|---------|---------------------|

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Nationals | Top 30 |
| State     | 2nd    |

### junior varsity Dance Team

**Front Row:** Sarah Couwenhoven, Heather Skekloff, Kristan Grubbe, Brittney Pressley  
**Row 2:** Chelsea Krammes, Jamie Rotroff, Ashley Mays, Tatiana Dejanovic  
**Last Row:** Candace Walton, Abigail Link, Candice Robinson, Lauren Ballas photo by Visual Sports Network



# What achievement made you feel the most proud?



**Kristina Vlassopoulos, 10**

*"My proudest moment this season was when I placed first in junior varsity all around. I also placed first on vault at the same meet. I had always loved vault because it was my best event when it came to placement."* photo by Titak

**Meg Eaton, 9**

*"My proudest moment was anytime I placed first. It made me feel so good when I was recognized at the meet."* photo by Titak



**Jacqui Mohr, 9**

*"I had been in gymnastics for seven years, and one of my proudest moments was when my score counted at sectionals because it helped out the team score."* photo by Titak

## Gymnasts make history, bring home best season yet

If you had been a member of the gymnastics team, which event would you have chosen? Kelly Brown (10) said, "I liked competing on beam because it really showed off flexibility and strength during routines." Each event showed the different skills and strengths of the gymnast. "My favorite event was floor. I liked it the

most because I could express my personality, and I had fun at the same time," said **Christie Davis, 10** (with **Tia Stedman 9**). Coach **Ami Pysh** thought the team's performance was the best ever.

She said, "In the LaPorte meet, the team scored its highest team score in C.P. history, and at sectionals, we defeated last year's state champions."

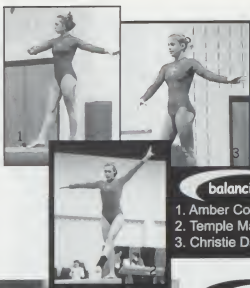
**-Carey Ciochina**





## balancing Act

While competing on balance beam during the meet against the Lowell Red Devils, Erin Quinn holds her pose for the judges. The team scored a victory against Lowell, beating them by more than forty-eight points. photo by Titak



## balancing Acts

1. Amber Cooper (9)
2. Temple Martin (11)
3. Christie Davis (10)

## at Practice

Most Valuable Player Ashley Angelini (12) practices for her next meet. "One of my favorite parts about gymnastics was the competitiveness. There was always competition, not only at meets but also competing with team members for a top spot in the line-up," said Angelini. photo by Maritza Mota



## girls' gymnastics Team

**Front row:** Jacqueline Mohr, Kristina Vlassopoulos, Amber Cooper, Yvonne Holeman  
**2nd Row:** Steven Schelfo, Tia Stedman, Meg Eaton, Lauren Zick, Christie Davis, Kelly Brown, Coach Ami Pysh  
**Back row:** Erin Quinn, Lisa Diederich, Ashley Angelini, Temple Martin photo by Visual Sports Network

## statistically Speaking

**Coach:**  
Mrs. Ami Pysh

**Record:**  
3-5

**Conference record:**  
2-5

**Post Season:**  
Sectional-7th

### varsity Scores

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Valparaiso                | 103.025-105.25 |
| LaPorte                   | 106.75-102.975 |
| Chesterton                | 99.625-106.95  |
| Portage                   | 99.55-101.755  |
| Hobart                    | 101.96-105.425 |
| Chesterton Inv. 3rd place |                |
| Michigan City             | 102.875-95.925 |
| Merrillville              | 100-105.675    |
| Lowell                    | 96.7-48        |
| DAC                       | 6th            |

**MVP:**  
Ashley Angelini

# When did you feel the most triumphant while bowling?



**derek  
Remlinger, 10**

*"My most triumphant moment was at the sectional tournament. I threw three really good games and ended up with my best series ever. I felt especially good because the rest of the season wasn't great for me."*

*photo by Maritza Mota*

**brett  
Rivera, 11**

*"Being in first for the majority of the year was a triumphant experience. We went belly up in sectionals."* *photo by Maritza Mota*



**kristyn  
Loudermilk, 9**

*"At sectionals during my second game, I bowled five consecutive strikes. It wasn't just good for me, it was good for the team too. Even though we didn't win, I still had a lot of fun."* *photo by Maritza Mota*

*Maritza Mota*

## Closing of ice area creates havoc for ice hockey team

The winds of change rustled the souls of the home town hockey team. Due to a lack of players, the team was forced to integrate with other schools. "The only benefit to playing on an integrated team was just being able to play," said Michael Roccaforte (12). "None of us had played together, and we had to get a new

coach." Of course, record could not be blamed simply on the integration. The closing of the St. John arena moved the team from three practices a week to only one. The guys traveled to Illinois for practice and games. **Andy Kmiec (9)** and **Greg Holliday (11)** served as captains.

**-Ryan Wilson**

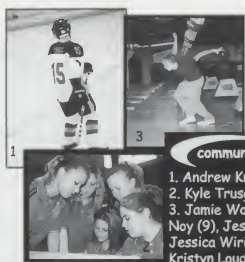






### on thin Ice

Fighting for control of the puck, Michael Roccaforte (12) sizes up his opponent in a game against Munster. The hockey team was not a school-sanctioned sport and included players from other schools as well.  
photo by Maritza Mota



### community Players

1. Andrew Kmiec (09)
2. Kyle Trusgnich (10)
3. Jamie Worst (11), Amy Noy (9), Jessica Monix (9), Jessica Wirick (10), Kristyn Loudermilk (9)



### boys' hockey Team

Front Row: Joe Ornelas, Andy Kmiec, Greg Holliday, Matt Kavalunas. Back Row: Zach Hill, Michael Roccaforte, Patrick Meyers, Ryan Roccaforte, Alex Roberts.

## statistically Speaking

**Bowling coach**  
Julie Remlinger

**Boys record**  
7-3

**MVP**  
Ross Fricke

**Girls record**  
3-7

**MVP**  
Jamie Worst

### hockey Scores

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Lincolnway East   | 1-8 |
| Bishop Noll       | 6-7 |
| Lake Central      | 0-4 |
| Lake Central      | 1-4 |
| Portage           | 4-7 |
| TF South          | 1-4 |
| Bloomington       | 3-9 |
| New Haven         | 2-7 |
| Columbus          | 0-9 |
| Ft. Wayne Snider  | 2-9 |
| Marian Catholic   | 4-4 |
| TF South          | 1-8 |
| Hobart-Valpo      | 8-0 |
| Bishop Noll       | 1-3 |
| H-F               | 3-0 |
| Lincolnway East   | 0-7 |
| Northside         | 2-6 |
| Northrop          | 2-8 |
| Munster           | 2-3 |
| H-F               | 3-2 |
| Hobart-Valpo      | 3-1 |
| Munster           | 3-4 |
| Penn B            | 4-0 |
| Penn B            | 2-3 |
| Lincolnway East   | 0-9 |
| Bishop Noll       | 2-2 |
| Portage           | 3-3 |
| Portage           | 0-2 |
| Cathedral Chatair | 0-6 |
| Carmel            | 5-0 |



### girls' & boys' bowling Team

Front Row: Sierra Govert, Ashley Hoskins, Jessica Wirick, Amber Altop, Kristyn Loudermilk, Mark Reed. Back Row: Jamie Worst, Jeff Noy, Brett Rivera, Joel Havard, Amy Noy.

# Individual support drives Girls' Track Team to successful season

varsity  
Coaches:  
Ken Witt & Shelly  
Hernandez  
record:  
8-5

conference  
record:  
5-2

post season.

Conference - 4th  
Sectionals - 2nd

MVP:

Beth Erikson

statistically

Speaking

## track Scores

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Lowell         | 58.5-31   |
| Munster        | 58.5-62.5 |
| Lake Central   | 58-79     |
| Highland       | 58-19     |
| Michigan City  | 69-61     |
| LaPorte        | 69-18     |
| Kanakae Valley | 98-56     |
| EC Central     | 98-2      |
| Merriville     | 62-49     |
| Portage        | 62-46     |
| Valparaiso     | 21.5-64   |
| Chesterton     | 21.5-69   |
| Hobart         | 90-33     |

## deep in Thought

Brittany Jillson (10) practices leaving the blocks before her race at the home meet against Vapariaso and Chesterton. "When it comes down to meets, you were really scared because all eyes were on you," said Jillson. photo by Jessica Koscielniak



Girls track members not only possessed such qualities as empathy, and compassion, but they also displayed them.

"Our team was closer than my family and I are," said **Ashley Krumrie, 9 (with Brittany Jillson, 10)**. Like a family, each team member looked out for the other and consoled one another in time of need. "If someone had lost her race and was upset; it was

given that I should help calm her down," said Carolyn Dienes. Lisa Diederich (12) agreed. "We were a really close team. When one person was down, we all helped to pick them up again. It was amazing to have that kind of support," said Diederich. -**Claudia Rhye**



We rally spirit

## girls' varsity and junior varsity Track

**Front Row:** Kelly Rediger, Joell Dixon, Carolyn Simko, Vikki Wheeler, Margaret Eaton, Sarah Sendejas, Sarah Vickers, Mandy Rowe, Amber Cooper, Jacquelyne Mohr. **2nd Row:** Jessica Monix, Shena Sum, Carly Link, Stephanie Denis, Katie Babbich, Heather Skecalof, Jill Ballard, Ashley Angelini, Katherine Shaw, Lindsey Kurth, Jennifer Stremпка. **3rd Row:** Kristen Gubry, Tara Menacher, Heather Griffiths, Coach Crowll, Coach Ken Witt, Coach Shelly Hernandez, Sarah Myers, Katie Legreco, Ashley Krumrid, Tia Stedman. **Back Row:** Britney Jillson, Erin Buchelt, Beth Erikson, Chloe Walton, Carolyn Dienes, Lisa Diedrech, Yvonne Miller, Emily Tromph, Carly Shilling, Rachel Wilbur. photo by Visual Sports Network.



### putting Shots

In preparation for the meet against Valpo, MVP Beth Erikson (12) heaves a shotput. The meet resulted in a loss, one of the only two of the conference. photo by Jessica Koscielniaik



## What sort of traditions did your team have?

### ashley Angelini, 10

"Mr. Witt printed out motivational quotes and gave them to each of us on the bus on the trips to a meets. Then when we would arrive at our destination, he would give us a motivational speech to get us pumped up for a victory."

photo by Jessica Koscielniaik



### run and Jump

In the meet against Merrillville, Carly Link (12) runs the hurdles. Link planned on attending the University of Syracuse in New York. She did not plan on pursuing a college track career, but hoped to continue playing soccer.

photo by Titak



### kelly Rediger, 12

"Our 4x100 relay team got in a small huddle before we started and wished each other luck." (with Kathy Shaw (12). photo by Joe Huber



### new Additions

1. Vicki Wheeler (9)
2. Katie Babich (9)
3. Jessica Monix (9)

# What was the best thing about being on the track team?



**randy  
Ponikvar, 9**

*"The best thing was the camaraderie of the team members. Everybody was supportive of each other. The very best thing was the coaches. They wanted you to do your very best without stressing you out."* photo by

Jessica Koscielniak

**kurt  
Wiesel, 12**

*"You got to meet new friends. There was a sense of friendship between the guys in your event."* photo by J.

Koscielniak



## Boys' track members break individual, team records

Take your marks, get set, go! Boys' track season began with a bang. At the Hobart Little 5, the team set a meet record scoring 172.5 points and breaking their 1999 record of 158 points. The distance medley team also a school record at the Purdue

Bomber Boiler meet. **John**

**Beauchamp (12)** jumped 6'3" at the

Hobart Little 5. "It was hard to describe the feeling because so many things were running through my head. If I would have had to pick one (feeling), it would have been the excitement." The boys team was also close. Jeffrey Jillson (11) said, "I considered us to be a big family." -Brittany Jillson



**john Bizanes, 10**

*"The best thing about being on the team was being with all my friends. Even though there were about 120 guys on the team, it was like a second family."* photo by R.Overbeek



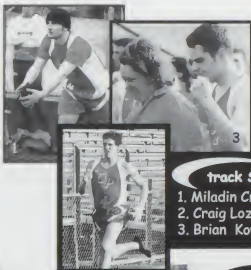




## direct Target

Attempting his personal best, Corey Bush (10) heaves a 12-pound shot put. His sophomore year was his second in track, but his first year on varsity. His freshman year, he split the fourth varsity spot.

photo by Jessica Koscielniak



## track Stars

1. Miladin Crnkovic (11)
2. Craig Lozanovski (11)
3. Brian Kowert (12)

## over the Top

While competing against Merrillville and Portage, Andrew Mellen (9) strives to get over his hurdle. Mellen competed in the 110-meter high hurdles and 300-meter intermediate hurdles. He was also one of the few freshmen to run varsity and the only newcomer who ran hurdles. photo by R. Overbeek



## statistically Speaking

Coach:

Mr. Dennis Bunda

Record:

13-4

varsity Scores

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Munster       | 199-26   |
| Lowell        | 119-22   |
| Lake Central  | 77-72    |
| Highland      | 77-17    |
| Michigan City | 93-41    |
| LaPorte       | 93-28    |
| K.V.          | 123-21   |
| East Chicago  | 123-18   |
| Merrillville  | 49-59    |
| Portage       | 49-60    |
| Hobart        | 172.5-79 |
| Griffith      | 172.5-34 |
| River Forest  | 172.5-33 |
| Wirt          | 172.5-10 |
| Chesterton    | 34-55    |
| Valparaiso    | 34-78    |
| Hobart        | 101-30   |

Conference record:

3-4

MVP:

Kyle Knutson

Ryan Orzechowicz



## junior varsity and varsity Track

Front row: Badley Moorehead, John Bizanes, Craig Lozanovski, Jeffrey Jillson, Brian Maloney, Timothy Bosel, Nikola Loezovski, John Beauchamp, Kurt Weissel, Maxwell Roberts, Trey Williams, Justin Stadt, Andrew Burzin, Aaron Miller, Robert Rutherford 2nd Row: Robert Slepcevic, Adam Hilliard, Cameron Reeves, Bryan Kowert, Kevin Klein, Kristopher Babic, Paul Schmidt, Christopher Sprehe, Jakimoski Riste, Mark McInerney, Anthony Oberman, Anthony Rivera, Kyle Knutson, Nicholas Camp, Sean Higdon, John Lutz 3rd Row: Nicholas Furt, David Santelk, Andrew Wring, Dash Duth, Benjamin Koch, Jason Aubschorn, Zachary Mako, Joseph Hemphill, Sean Crismon, Jorge Godinez, Andrew Mellen, Christopher Adams, Mark Hawes, Brian Stokoski, Timothy Gramenz 4th Row: Coach Jeremy Williams, Coach Lafayette Armstrong, Christopher Bruno, Michael Trybula, Stephen Etter, Robert Kozel, Daniel Ostrovich, Wesley Dykstra, Lucas Bapple, Ryan Zic, Miladin Crnkovic, Corey Bush, Johnny Pittman, Bradley Wilson, Joel Koch, Biven Fuqua, Coach Dennis Bunda 5th Row: Amber West, Christopher Arges, Ryan Orzechowicz, Kevin Devine, Nicholas Hoffman, Jeffrey Beck, Christopher Essla, Walter Williams, John Abbate, Aaron Smith, Michael Parrish, Brian Wheeler, Aaron Reimer, Justin Bell, Melanie Witt 6th Row: Clark Dixon, Eric Love, Nicholas Roth, Kyle Caves, Chris Charizopoulos, Arlington Foley, Randy Ponikvar, Sean McDaniel, Justin Knight, Robert Bruno. photo by Visual Sports Network

# What did you enjoy most about playing softball?



**erin Hostinsky, 11**

"What really made the softball team fun was the group of girls I had as my teammates. We all got along really well. Also, our coaches were really awesome. They were like our big sisters. This was definitely the most fun year." photo by Titak

**ashley Amodeo, 11**

"The team was so close. We hung out all the time and were like sisters. We had fun on and off the field." photo by Titak



**wendy Kurcz, 11**

"A lot of the people on the team were my friends, and I enjoyed spending extra time with all of them. I learned things about people and the memories I had from this year were abundant."

photo by Titak

## Years of experience contribute to team's successful season

To make school a little more tolerable, many students engaged in some type of athletic activity. The girls that made up the softball team were no exception.

Many of these girls had been playing this sport since they were young. Kelly Bielak (12) said, "I have been playing since I was five years old. My older sister played softball, and I thought it looked like a lot of fun."

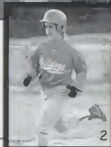
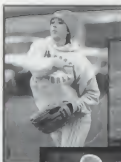
When asked what was needed most to succeed in the sport, teamwork and just being able to have fun were vital. "Do not get down on yourself," said **Crystal Dille (12)** "because once you do that, it isn't fun any longer." -**Jessica Bixeman**





## going with Tradition

Lacey Holevis (11) warms up her pitch before the game. Holevis, who was awarded this year's MVP, had many superstitious rituals that she followed before games, including not stepping on the foul lines before a game. photo by Titak



### warming Up

1. Jamie Jansen (10)
2. Lauren Mishevich (9)
3. Lacey Holevis (11)



## varsity Softball

**Front Row:** Liz Leonard, Amy Zondor, Kendra Rather, Kelly Sankowski, Ashley Amodeo, Erin Hostinsky, Lacey Holevis, Kelly Bielak. **Back Row:** Amanda Schaller, Cathy Yokovich, Coach Heather Spoljaric, John Gettler, Coach Chrissy Pepa, Wendy Kurcz, Crystal Dille. photo by Visual Sports Network



## junior varsity Softball

**Front Row:** Melissa Ferrara, Aryn Kooi, Ashley Campbell, Rachel Gable. **2nd Row:** Lauren Mishevich, Julie Mills, Natalie Coros, Jamie Jansen, Mallory Michaels, Mallory Springman. **Back Row:** Christina Horvat, Leslie Duggan, Coach Heather Spoljaric, John Gettler, Coach Chrissy Pepa, Kelly Harlow, Missy Cooper. photo by Visual Sports Network

## statistically Speaking

**Varsity coach:**

Christine Pepa

**Varsity record:**

12-16

**MVP:**

Lacy Holevis

**J.V. Coach**

Heather Spoljaric

John Gettler

**J.V. record:**

16-8

### varsity Scores

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Lowell             | 10-2 |
| LaPorte            | 2-3  |
| Merrillville       | 2-1  |
| Dowagiac Tour.     | 4-3  |
| Kalamazoo C.       | 3-2  |
| Andean             | 1-5  |
| Portage            | 2-0  |
| Michigan City      | 21-1 |
| Hobart             | 4-2  |
| Logansport/Pioneer | 7-3  |
| Logansport/Pioneer | 1-2  |
| Griffith           | 0-2  |
| Chesterton         | 1-8  |
| Valparaiso         | 0-2  |
| Andean             | 0-1  |
| Hanover Central    | 0-1  |
| LaPorte            | 1-4  |
| Merrillville       | 10-3 |
| Portage            | 0-1  |
| Lake Central       | 0-2  |
| Hammond Morton     | 2-9  |
| Michigan City      | 7-3  |
| Hobart             | 3-7  |
| Munster            | 3-2  |
| Chesterton         | 0-1  |
| Valparaiso         | 0-4  |
| Highland           | 8-3  |

# What did you like the best about the tennis season?



**Kaitlyn Sertich, 9**

*"My favorite memory was camp. We got to stay in a hotel room instead of a dorm room. That trip was when we came together and bonded as a squad. Also Nationals was a once in a lifetime opportunity."* photo by Maritza Mota



**Katelin Klepsch, 12**

*"I like playing Munster because they are a state ranked team and it's nice to see we can play with the best."*

photo by Sarah Pasyk



**asma Khalid, 12**

*"Every year I loved playing Merrillville. It was always so much fun to play them because they were such a great challenge. They were a long time rival."* photo by Sarah Pasyk

## Good work ethic helps bring another sectional title to girls' tennis team

"I liked playing with everyone, and I had tons of fun with the entire team," said junior varsity player Natalie Mullins (9). In addition to good times, the J.V. team ended the season on a positive note winning six of their last seven games.

The success continued for the varsity team as well when it shut out Lew Wallace and Hanover

Central in the sectional 5-0. Even though the girls lost to Lake Central in the regionals, they were not disappointed with their play or their sectional victory. "Our great work ethic gets us the sectional title year after year," said Lauren Kitchel (10) -Dale Packard

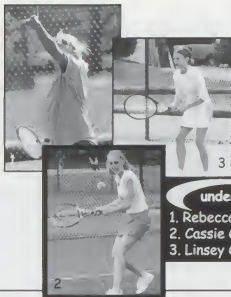






### holding Up

Playing one of her last matches, Colleen Drasga (12) returns the ball after a deep serve from her opponent. The girls donned the back of their uniform shirts with a message concerning tied matches. It read, "Love Stinks." photo by Titak



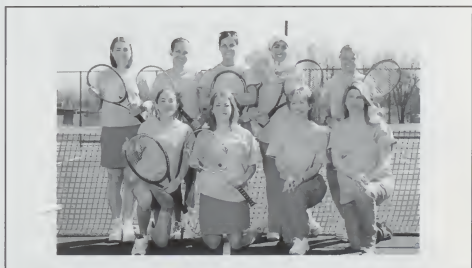
### underclassmen

1. Rebecca Wilk (11)
2. Cassie Chandler (9)
3. Linsey Crowley (9)



### junior varsity girls' Tennis

**Front Row:** Cassie Chandler, Ann Schatzman, Melissa Kiefer, Chelsea Krammes, Ashley Korzeniewski **2nd Row:** Anne Walter, Gabrielle Fraire, Michelle Kutanovski, Kaitlyn Sertich, Lauren Fairchild, Lauren Kitchell **Back Row:** Janele Hurley, Teri Rosenbaum, Cassie Pruzin, Natalie Mullins, Samantha Gregory, Linsey Crowley, Coach Laura Neal



### varsity girls' Tennis

**Front Row:** Elena Theodoros, Rebecca Wilk, Coach Deb Cuffia, Assistant Coach Laura Neal **Back Row:** Erin Crowley, Colleen Drasga, Kelly Cowan, Asma Khalid, Katelyn Klepsch

## statistically Speaking

**varsity Coach:**  
Deb Cuffia

**record:**  
11-6

**post Season :**  
Sectional 1st

**MVP:**  
Colleen Drasga  
and Asma Khalid

**j.v. coach:**  
Laura Neal &  
Maureen Borto

**record:**  
10-4

### varsity Scores

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Lowell          | 5-0 |
| Munster         | 2-3 |
| Lake Central    | 1-4 |
| Highland        | 4-1 |
| Griffith        | 5-0 |
| Rennselear      | 5-0 |
| Chesterlon      | 2-3 |
| LaPorte         | 4-1 |
| Kankakee Valley | 5-0 |
| Hobart          | 5-0 |
| Valparaiso      | 3-2 |
| Merrillville    | 2-3 |
| Portage         | 5-0 |
| Michigan City   | 2-3 |

### j.v. Scores

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Lowell          | 3-2 |
| Munster         | 1-4 |
| Lake Central    | 0-5 |
| Highland        | 4-1 |
| Griffith        | 5-0 |
| Rennselear      | 4-1 |
| Chesterlon      | 4-1 |
| LaPorte         | 4-1 |
| Kankakee Valley | 5-0 |
| Hobart          | 5-0 |
| Valparaiso      | 4-1 |
| Merrillville    | 4-1 |
| Portage         | 4-1 |
| Michigan City   | 2-3 |

varsity Coach:  
Chad Bush

record:  
13-11

conference  
record:  
3-9

Captlans:  
David Keppening  
Kyle Long  
Jeffery Mills

statistically

## Speaking

### varsity Scores

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Hammond Morton | 8-0   |
| Michigan City  | 14-0  |
| Hebron         | 19-6  |
| LaPorte        | 0-3   |
| Griffith       | 6-3   |
| Merrillville   | 3-5   |
| Michigan City  | 5-7   |
| Hobart         | 19-0  |
| Lake Central   | 6-5   |
| Chesterton     | 6-7   |
| Valparaiso     | 11-12 |
| LaPorte        | 2-5   |
| Merrillville   | 0-7   |
| Portage        | 5-10  |
| Highland       | 3-4   |
| Portage        | 13-1  |
| Hobart         | 10-0  |
| Gary Roosevelt | 8-2   |
| Chesterton     | 4-2   |
| Valparaiso     | 2-5   |
| Lowell         | 8-0   |
| Hammond Clark  | 8-3   |
| Boone Grove    | 8-5   |
| Wheeler        | 4-12  |
| Sectionals     | 11-9  |

### on the target now

As he pitches to a Michigan City batter, Adam Vetter (11) concentrates on the throw. The team won 14-0 in an early season game, but lost latter on in a close one 5-7. photo by Maritza Mota

## Humiliating experiences bring laughter to baseball team members



When the All-American pastime comes to mind, the majority of people do not associate the sport with "pain" and "humiliation." But for Philip Rendina (12), one incident proved to be quite embarrassing. "During a game against Lake Central I was in a dead sprint following a ball in left field, and I ran smack against the fence, bounced off, and

fell on my back," said Rendina. Another incident occurred when Christopher Seleski (12) sprained his ankle while pitching off the box mound in the gym. On a positive note though, the team finished the season with a record of 13-11 and conference record of 3-9. -Lauren Angel



We rally spirit

## boys' varsity Baseball

**Front Row:** Kevin Sendre, Chad Pruzin, David Kepperling, Kyle McIver, Philip Rendina, Patrick Baidinger, Kyle Long. **2nd Row:** Craig Horvat, Eric Gulbrandsen, Kevin Vandas, Jeffrey Mills, James Smith, Chad Pierce. **Last Row:** Coach Jason Shaafsma, Kelly Fricke, Sean O'Drobinak, Adam Vetter, Christopher Seleski, Brian Sparks, Coach Chad Bush. photo by Visual Sports Network.



### straight Shot

As Jeff Mills (12) focuses, he lets go of the ball. "In the past I've been more concerned about my own success, but this year it was different," said Mills. photo by Maritza Mota



## What were your feelings while playing baseball?

sean O'Drobinak, 11

"I've been playing since I was about 7 years old. When I played, I was always calm and relaxed. I usually felt some tension, but I would always remind myself not to care and just try to play my hardest." photo by M. Mota



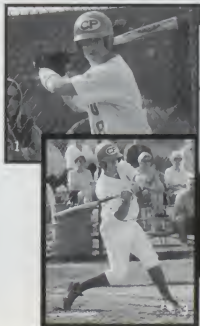
chad Pierce, 11

"I felt that people thought baseball was boring. In reality it was very intense. You had to stay on your toes." photo by M. Mota



### strategy

On their way to the dugout, David Kepperling (12) and Pat Baidinger (12) discuss their plans for the next inning at a home game against Michigan City. "Right before I play a game I am always excited, but nervous," said Kepperling. photo by M. Mota



### senior batters

1. Kelly Fricke (12)
2. Kyle Long (12)
3. Kyle McIver (12)

# What was your personal goal and how did you achieve it?

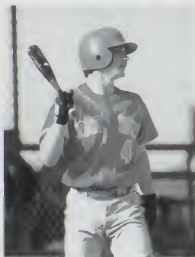


**david Rendina, 10**

*"My goal was to not have any errors. At the end of the season I had achieved my goal by always being aware of the situation and knowing who the hitter was and what they had done the last time they were at bat."* photo by Titak

**ryan Gullet, 9**

*"I wanted to play J.V, but I didn't get to. My stats were really good though, so next year for sure."* photo by Titak



**david Dickerson, 9**

*"My goal was to make junior varsity. I worked hard and put my best effort in to show the coaches that I could make it."* photo by Titak

## Baseball team members desire respect for skill requirements of game

"In every aspect of the game you had to concentrate and know where you were going," said Adam Quinn (10). Most other teams were praised for their efforts, but the baseball team felt people did not understand the skill level required. "People thought that

nothing was done in the game, but it took good hand-eye coordination," said Donovan Garletts (9). Each position required hard work. "Many people did not realize that catchers needed to tell the fielders where to position themselves and be aware of the batter's weaknesses. Catching was not an easy job," said Ryan Gullet (9). - Carey Ciochina

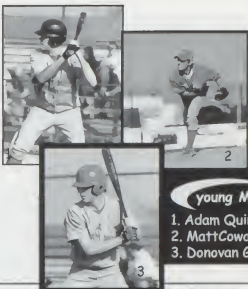




## you're Out

Nicholas Bodinet (10), the catcher on the junior varsity team, throws one to second base "People did not understand how much time and effort we put in to play well," said Bodinet. He began playing baseball at the age of eight.

photo by Titak



## young Members

1. Adam Quinn (9)
2. Matt Cowan (10)
3. Donovan Garletts (9)



## junior varsity Baseball

Front Row: Nicholas Bodinet, Matt Long, David Rendina, David Clayton, Jake Pierce 2nd Row: David Dickerson, Jeremiah Samples, Douglas Ricard, Alex Derks, Matthew Cowan, Brandon Barr Back Row: Coach Chuck Smoljan, David Metch, Michael Schultz, David Guenther, Coach Chris Buckman. photo by Visual Sports Network

## statistically Speaking

### j.v. coach:

Mr. Chuck

Smoljan

record:

9-4-2

freshmen

coach:

Mr. Brian Tripeer

record:

9-9

MVP:

Jason Stypula

### j.v. Scores

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| LaPorte       | 3-8   |
| Merrillville  | 2-1   |
| Portage       | 5-12  |
| Michigan City | 13-3  |
| Hobart        | 10-0  |
| Chesterton    | 8-8   |
| Valparaiso    | 6-7   |
| Andean        | 1-4   |
| Merrillville  | 6-2   |
| Portage       | 4-4   |
| Highland      | 11-8  |
| Highland      | 11-1  |
| Michigan City | 4-2   |
| Hobart        | 5-3   |
| Lowell        | 12-11 |

### freshman Scores

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Lowell        | 4-2   |
| Munster       | 1-3   |
| Munster       | 0-11  |
| Valparaiso    | 4-1   |
| Lake Central  | 4-14  |
| Bishop Noll   | 12-11 |
| Chesterton    | 4-7   |
| Merrillville  | 11-0  |
| Hobart        | 5-6   |
| Lowell        | 6-7   |
| Michigan City | 0-12  |
| Portage       | 9-8   |
| Merrillville  | 4-3   |
| Helion        | 12-0  |
| Bishop Noll   | 5-3   |
| Valparaiso    | 4-0   |
| Lake Central  | 3-13  |
| Portage       | 2-3   |



## freshman Baseball

Front Row: Luke Williams, Shane Wentz, Michael Gordon, Patrick Riley, Ryan Gullett 2nd Row: Daniel Berquist, Jordan Ham, Jason Stypula, Samuel Henderson, Peter Schiesser, Kyle Cuneo Back Row: Coach Brian Tripeer, Seth Henderson, Jimmy Wilson, Adam Quinn, Donovan Garletts. photo by Visual Sports Network

# What was your best golf shot on the course?



**william  
Kolloway, 10**

"My most memorable shot out on the golf course was when we played at Pheasant Valley against Michigan City. I chipped in from almost 40 yards away for a birdie. I ended up shooting a 44 for the nine holes." photo by Titak

**daniel  
Lambert, 10**

"I scored a 42 at Sherwood and that was the best because it secured my varsity letter."

photo by Titak



**donald Light, 9**

"My favorite shot this year on the golf course was when I holed out from a 150 yards during practice at Pheasant Valley." photo by Titak

## Team attempts to "drive" to the top despite young players

"Four", sounded across the fairways as Coach Del Kutemeier began the boys' golf season. With a new course, a new coach, and only one returning senior, Ryan Kloss, the younger team members knew it was time to stay out of the rough and get on the greens. Junior **Christopher Kutanovski** did just

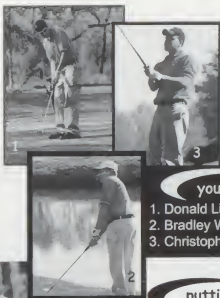
that, playing the number one position on the five man varsity roster. "In previous years, seniors helped support the entire team, but this year it was only Ryan Kloss," said Kutanovski who won the DAC Tournament at Chesterton's Sand Creek shooting a 74. He also took third at sectionals with a score of 79. -**Jessica Koscielniak and Sarah Pasyk**





## sand Troubles

Trying to get the ball out of the sand trap during a match against Chesterton, Kyle Robbins (11) attempts to keep his head down during his follow through. Robbins said he hoped to get his nine hole average below forty. photo by Titak



## young Swingers

1. Donald Light (9)
2. Bradley Whitehead (10)
3. Christopher Kutanovski (11)

## putting Out

Standing on the green at Sand Creek's golf course, Tom Herr (10) watches as his ball approaches the cup. This was Herr's first year playing on the C.P. team. He moved from Valparaiso schools. Herr played the number three position consistently throughout the season. photo by Titak



## statistically

**Coach:**  
Del Kutemeier

**Record:**  
11-7

**Conference record:**  
9-5

## Post Season

**Sectionals** 3rd  
**Regionals** 5th

## MVP:

Christopher  
Kutanovski (12)

## Speaking varsity Scores

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Munster           | 177-169 |
| Andrean           | 179-158 |
| Whiting           | 179-251 |
| Lake Central      | 176-174 |
| LaPorte           | 170-161 |
| Hobart            | 170-189 |
| K.V. Invite       | 3rd     |
| Chesterton        | 166-175 |
| Portage           | 166-175 |
| Michigan City     | 177-175 |
| Jefferson Invite  | 5th     |
| Valparaiso        | 173-173 |
| Merrillville      | 173-174 |
| Chesterton        | 172-179 |
| Lake Cent. Invite | 5th     |
| Portage           | 171-174 |
| LaPorte           | 171-180 |
| Merrillville      | 167-166 |
| Valparaiso        | 167-153 |
| Michigan City     | 157-158 |
| Hobart            | 157-192 |
| Griffith          | 180-189 |



## junior varsity & varsity boys' Golf

**Front Row:** Donald Light, Mark Reed, Michael Mastervich, Michael McDermott, Daniel Lambert, Matt Schillo, James Gursky, Bradley Whitehead **Back Row:** Matthew Raymond, Christian Skaltsas, Milos Pusara, Tom Herr, Kyle Robbins, Ryan Kloss, Christopher Kutanovski, William Kolloway, Coach Del Kutemeier



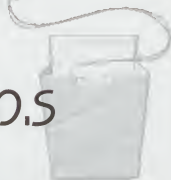
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What physical features did you find attractive?

**Eyes** 

"I liked really dark brown eyes because they're sexy. I wish I had brown eyes."

- Kelly Sapita (11)



 **Smile**



"The first thing that I looked at was a guy's smile. If they didn't have straight teeth, forget

about it."

- Jessica Bixeman (12)

**Hair**



"I liked to run my fingers through a fro. There was nothing better than that."

- Aimee Pancini (12)



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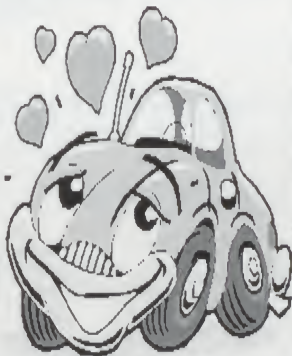


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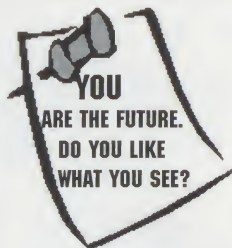
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The college of my  
choice would be...

"Northwestern"  
-Elizabeth Lisican (11)

I plan to pursue a  
career as a...

"Public Relations Expert"  
-Trey Williams(12)

I would love to live in..

"Downtown Chicago"  
-Amanda Auron(11)

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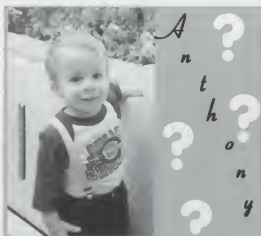
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Tools that  
have  
helped me  
get through  
life are...



My most useful  
study habit...

"Writing it down repeatedly."  
-Ryan Armstrong (10)

My favorite saying...

"Fall into the box." - Ryan  
Delaney (10)

The most inspirational  
book I read...

"Old Man and the Sea." - Alex  
Stojceski (12)

My mother always  
taught me...

"To stay out of the road." -  
Lawrence Seiber (9)

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Gerischer Steve Hamilton John Horst Dave Huber Jeff  
Lambert Bryan Martin Nolan Szalmasagi Trey Williams  
Garret Willis Andy Wirtz

Jillian Ballard Melissa Baumgardner Liz Beemsterboer  
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**My favorite song was...**

**"..In the End by Linkin Park."  
-Sarah Gilles (10)**

**The most overplayed song  
on the radio was...**

**"..In the End by Linkin Park."  
-Mike Schreiber (10)**

**The best new artist  
in the music  
industry was...**

**"..Linkin Park."  
-Melania Witt (9)**

**My favorite type of music  
to listen to...**

**"..alternative and rap."  
-Zach Mako (11)**

**My favorite radio station  
was...**

**"...Q101."  
-Justin Bell (11)**

# What was your favorite way to "get down" at a dance?



"My friends and I went crazy doing the 'chicken dance,' it was so funny,"  
- Natalie Stapula (11)



"I like the Hokey Pokey because it is a universal dance. You can do it on skates or just on foot,"  
- Claudia Rhye (11)



"I like the Macarena the best. I don't know why. I just do."  
-Tanya Bertram (12)



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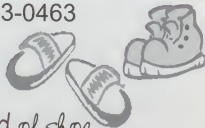


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*Be creative to explore the talent within you. Find your creative spirit and let it grow. If it has meaning, accept it and make it your own. If it does not, you should discard it. Your life is yours to build as you choose.*  
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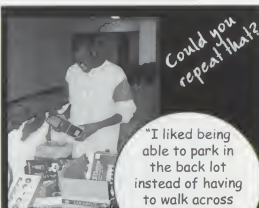


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*Could you repeat that?*

"I liked being able to park in the back lot instead of having to walk across the street." Trey Williams

*What happened?*

"I liked the fact that it was our last year of high school and then we're done!" Kera Boog

*What was the question again?*

*What are you talking about?*

*One more time?*



**say What?!**  
What was your favorite Senior privelage?

**NO IDEA.**

"I liked the respect from the underclassmen, and the teachers being more lenient." Allison Witt

*What did you say?*

# Looking back... Through The Years

\*Answers based on the majority of preferences by 30 students polled.

Do you feel that high school has prepared you for college?



Yes  
No

What kind of learning style did you prefer?

- ☒ Hands On Activities
- ☐ Notes And Worksheet
- ☐ Listening to a Speaker
- ☐ Group Involvement



How did you best study for tests?

- ☐ Alone
- ☒ In groups
- ☐ Listening to music
- ☐ In the library



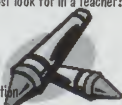
What was your best academic subject?

- ☐ Math
- ☒ English
- ☐ Science
- ☐ History



What quality did you most look for in a teacher?

- ☒ Personality
- ☐ Attractiveness
- ☐ Personal Attention



What are you looking forward to in college?

- ☐ Freedom
- ☐ New challenges
- ☐ Sleeping in
- ☒ Parties



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Good luck at IU!



Love, Mom, Dad, & Jason

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## Sweet Melissa,



We are just bursting with pride on your achievement. We know how hard you have worked both at school and at your job, but I have to say that our most a dimention comes from your values of caring, and making the right choices.

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& Scooby

## Katie



Congratulations  
on all you  
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"Guys are more reliable because they're more willing to help friends. Girls have too many soap operas, and you can't rely on them."

"Girls are more likely to remember what, when, and where for more than five minutes."

*Who makes a better date?*

"Girls never know what they want to do. They'll spend hours trying to decide what to do."

"Guys always can think of something to do."

"Girls usually aren't picky as long as they enjoy what they are doing. Guys can never decide what to do."

*Who dwells on the past?*

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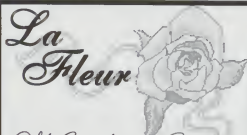
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confide in.*

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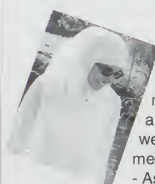
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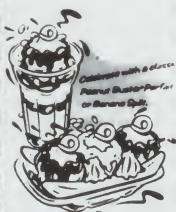
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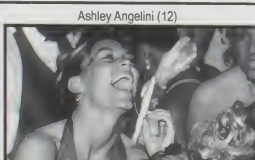
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Maxwell Roberts (11)



Kyle Long, Karie Larson, Allison Bishop, Kelly McMahon (12)



Mark Baumgardner (12)

photo by Joe Huber



In order to change the oil pan gasket on Brandon Boyer's (12) truck, Joah Ackermann (11) positions the jack underneath the engine block to hoist it up. Auto shop provided Ackermann with knowledge and inspired him to consider a career in Auto Mechanics.

photo by R. Overbaske



During the Spring Sing, Ryan Allen (12) and Joseph Gerischer (12) reenact a Saturday Night Live skit. Kenneth Easton sang Adam Sandler's "Lunch Lady Land," while Allen played Lunch Lady and Gerischer played Sloppy Joe.

Photo by Maritza Mota




Senior Class President Amy Enslen gives a speech welcoming her classmates and guests to the graduation ceremony. Enslen also led the graduates in the tradition of turning the tassels from the left to the right side of the cap.

As she finishes her swing, Lacy Holevis (11) hits a ground ball and prepares to take off to first base. Holevis felt that her most proud moment was during the team's game against Highland. "We showed everyone how we could really play, and I batted and pitched really well," said Holevis. photo by Titak







# When duty calls

As the year came to a close underclassmen found themselves making adjustments to next year's class schedules. Indiana's budget crunch and class sizes caused a few problems. Classes offered during the same class period resulted in students having to choose between one or the other. Although students **came together** in protest, nothing changed. Danielle Dravet (11) planned to serve as design editor on the newspaper staff, but also signed up to take A.P. Biology. The change in the schedules put both classes during sixth hour. "I was torn between something that I loved (science) and something that I had begun to grow in (journalism). I chose to take Biology because of my career choice," said Dravet. Dravet planned to study forensic science in college.

Because of the small number of students that signed up to take Literary Movements, administrators had to cancel the course. Three teachers and the honors students **joined forces** hoping to save the class, but failed. Honors level juniors were forced to choose another senior level English course. "I think it's a shame because it (Literary Movements) was a great class for the college bound student. It had a great college atmosphere, and the teachers were funny and knew what they were talking about," said Kyle Knutson (12). When the seniors were informed of the cancelation, they decided to **get together** and throw a Literary Movements "final" party. About 40 students and the three teachers attended the party. Some played Red Rover, others spent time together, and a few even presented their final projects. "It was cool to hang out with kids that you don't usually get to see outside of school," said Josh Rattray (12). (continued)

# When duty calls

Mr. Don Bernacky (history) organized a ghost tour for interested students. Mr. Bernacky contacted the Indiana Ghost Trackers, who conducted the tour. About 60 students **bravely responded** and the group loaded onto three buses that took them to eight of Chicago's most famous haunted locations, including Bachelor's Grove, Resurrection Cemetery, and Widow McCleary's. "The spookiest part was when we climbed into the basement of Widow McCleary's. We had to duck our heads down and descend into a damp, creepy cellar. There was a natural spring spurting water right in the middle of the basement and some sort of chimney that led to nowhere," said Amanda Auron (11). According to Mr. Bernacky, the students took several "anomalous" photos, and also taped a "very scary ghost voice" from St. James Cemetery. **Undaunted** by the experience, those participating ended the trip with a request for another fall tour.

As the days grew fewer, on May 7, **patriotism heightened** as voters assembled at the polls. For several seniors, the primary provided an opportunity to vote for the first time. "I was so excited because when I was younger I used to go with my mom when she voted, and I couldn't wait until I got that opportunity," said Aimee Pancini (12).

Determined to evoke change, community members **rallied** behind three female candidates and elected them to the school board.

Whether trying to **rally spirit** at a ball game, **join forces** to help the needy, **stand together** to influence an election, or **close ranks** to face the insecurity of a world after

September 11th, students and community members faced up to the challenges, **when duty called**.

-Sarah Pasyk



"So grab your rope and I'll pull you in," sings Jamie Kooi (12) as she performs at the Spring Sing concert. "I love singing and dancing, and I put everything into (the Spring Sing) because it was the last time I would perform there," said Kooi.  
photo by R. Overbeek



photo by Sarah Pasyk

Dessa Rattray (10) unravels the cord of the lamp post as she decorates for the prom coronation. "My brother was a senior this year, and I wanted to make sure he would have the best prom ever. The only way to ensure that was to help out," said Rattray.



photo by Trak

During a drill, Danny Mellis (11) performs a spiral ride on teammate Matthew Beilfuss (12) in an effort to gain control. Mellis injured his shoulder at a practice and had to have surgery. Although he was unable to finish the season, he planned to wrestle the following year.



photo by Sarah Pasyk

In the auxiliary room at St. Anthony Hospital, Matthew McDermott (11) prepares to take flowers up to a patient's room. McDermott volunteered at the hospital for his Personal Impact Project, an assignment created by Mrs. Deb Ciochina (English) the previous year.

# When duty calls...

## Excalibur 2002



Valedictorian Kristin Frost shakes hands with Superintendent Mr. H. Steve Sprunger as she receives her diploma. Frost began her Valedictory message saying, "I don't have anything earth-shattering to tell you." She continued, however, recalling the past four high school years, describing them as a car ride filled with not only pot holes and road blocks, but also road trips, good times, and memories with friends. "Now we can move on to the next step," she added. She offered one piece of advice to her classmates and said, "Appreciate the things that people do for you." Frost displayed her appreciation to Mr. Robert Conard (A.P. Chemistry) by choosing him as the teacher who most inspired her. Frost believed that it was Mr. Conard's teaching that left her with a desire to pursue a career in pharmacy. Lastly, Frost ended her speech by wishing her classmates success in life.

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